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Olympic diving coach suspended after sex assault claims



Edge unavailable for Atlanta Olympic Games

By Craig Lord, Carol Midgley and Paul Wilkinson

THE British Olympic diving coach has been suspended after being arrested and questioned by child protection officers over allegations of indecent assault.

Mike Edge, 45, was arrested in Sheffield, where he works as the diving development officer, on April 24. He has told the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain he will not be available for selection for the Olympic Games in Atlanta this year. It would have been his fourth

Olympics as a national coach.

national diving champion who competed at the 1984 Olympics, was arrested on the same day at Crystal Palace, south London, and interviewed by members of the child protection unit from Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. Both are understood to "utterly refute" the accusations. which relate to alleged offences in the

The arrests were confirmed as it emerged that the Amateur Swimming Federation will launch a national computer database of up to 50,000 swimming and diving coaches, teachers and club helpers in the autumn in an attempt to weed out Lyndsey Fraser, 34, a former suspected child abusers. The move

comes a year after Paul Hickson, the former Olympic swimming coach, was jailed for 17 years for raping and assaulting II girls in his charge.

Mr Edge has been temporarily suspended as the team coach for England and Great Britain by the Amateur Swimming Association

David Sparkes, the chief executive of the association, said in a statement: "The ASA is deeply concerned about the police investigations into allegations made against Mike Edge, as it is in all cases concerning abuse or harassment. It is a matter of great seriousness and the ASA fully supports the process of law in these

instances. In accordance with the ASA's own strict guidelines, Mike Edge has been temporarily suspended from his duties as a team coach for both England and Great Britain until the matter has been fully resolved."

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Mr Sparkes emphasised that it was very important not to presuppose the guilt or otherwise of either of these two people" pending police investigations.

Last night Mr Edge was suspended from his post as diving development officer at the Pond's Forge swimming complex in Sheffield. where the national team often trains. However, Ms Fraser was still coaching at Highgate Diving Club in

north London, where she trains children from the age of ten. Jim McNally, the president of the club, said: "When it comes to this case we believe in the premise of law — that you are innocent until proven guilty. We would support the alleged victims and all the alleged offenders. She will not be going away on trips with children, nor will she be alone with the children on the poolside. There will be other adult coaches there."

Brian Spiro, Mr Edge's solicitor, said yesterday: "My client has not yet been charged with any offence and the allegations are entirely refuted. We do not wish to make any further comment for the time being



Fraser: coaches children at north London dub

Labour plans tough line on teenage crime

By Arthur Leathley, political correspondent

YOUNG offenders could face a "three strikes and you're out" approach to crime under Labour, which plans to bring persistent teenage lawbreakers before the courts more

Labour leaders want to end the trend of repeat cautioning, which they say has led teenagers to assume that no action will be taken even if they commit a series of petty offences. A Labour government would expect police to to bring to court any juvenile commit-

ting a third minor offence. Labour believes that allowing juveniles to remain unpunished when they first offend sows the seeds for habitual offending in later life. But some young people have been cautioned up to six times for vandalism, graffiti and shoplifting before facing court.

Now Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, is to announce plans to tighten Michael Howard's guidelines urging police forces to cut the number of juvenile cautions, which have risen steadily to a peak of 124,700 in 1994. But while advocating a

tougher line against those committing a third offence, Labour is pressing for secondtime offenders to be given a "super caution" which will involve extensive interviews and advice sessions with social workers, teachers or other

local community leaders. Although a similar system has been taken up voluntarily by some forces, the Association of Chief Police Officers has criticised the fact that it is used inconsistently.

Labour's home affairs team points to high levels of success in some city areas where young offenders have been encouraged to take part in social and sporting activities, and it also claims that the "caution plus" scheme leads to closer contacts between police and other agencies that can bring substantial longer term

savings in crime prevention. Senior figures are concerned that police forces are backing away from prosecuting young offenders because of the amount of work involved, and they believe that only the firm presumption that a third offence will lead to a court appearance will produce tough action right across party is understood to be reluctant to make such a policy compulsory as it believes there must be room for leniency in exceptional cases.

Labour's attempts to address high levels of juvenile crime come in the wake of a package of proposals announced by Mr Straw last year, under which young of fenders would have to carry out community work, sometimes on behalf of their victim. Mr Straw told last year's party conference that swifter action was needed to stop teenagers becoming habitual offenders by the age of 17.

Mr Howard has already pressed police forces to veer away from repeat cautions and prosecute persistent offenders, but the response is said to have been patchy. The Police Federation has also criticised the amount of repeat cautioning as bringing the police service "into disrepute" and suggested that many young people equated a cau-tion with being "let off".



Freed Dutch hostage Martha Klein, who is seven months pregnant, is helped from a helicopter on her way to hospital in Jakarta yesterday

Jungle hostage saw fellow captives hacked to death

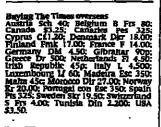
By Andrew Drummond in Jakarta and Bill Frost



Perhaps we should hibernate during the summer instead"

Dry May

May is likely to be one of the driest months on record, increasing the prospect of water shortages and restrictions. Many reservoir levels are below average...... Page 24





Cambridge on top for fourth year By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE University re-

tains a slim lead over Oxford in this year's Times university rankings, published today. The light blues have headed the league table since The Times Good University Guide was first published four years ago. Edinburgh, the top univ-

ersity in Scotland over the same period, has been joined by St Andrews this year. Oxford Brookes and Kingston are the top new universities in the table, intended as a signpost for students considering a first degree, giving a

broad indication of a university's standing. Welcoming the news, Dr Robert Smith, Kingston's vice-chancellor, said the quality of his university had been under-

Only five points out of a

By JOANNA BALE

ONE of England's best-loved hymns.

Jerusalem, is at the centre of a row

The classic hymn, based on William

Blake's poem and sung by generations

of schoolchildren, last-night concert

promenaders and Women's Institute

members, smacks of privilege, accord-

ing to Canon Donald Gray, the

lined in official ratings.

between leading clergy.

thousand separate Cambridge from Oxford, partly because of the changes in methodology. Oxford suffered previously for the variety of higher degrees among its staff when the proportion of PhDs alone was used as a measure of academic qualifications. Sir David Williams, Cam-

bridge's vice-chancellor, said: I am pleased — for my colleagues, for the student body and for the technical and secretarial staff. It is easy to approve of surveys such as this when one does well, but The Times in this annual exercise offers a valuable and well-directed service to all those interested in higher education in the UK."

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Westminster. As reported in the Times

Diary yesterday, Canon Gray told

peers organising next month's memo-

rial service for Baroness Faithfull that

Jerusalem was not acceptable. He

objects to the reference to dark satanic

mills", which he believes represents the

prayer, said yesterday: "The object of

Canon Gray, who leads MPs at

Church's neglect of the inner cities.

A YOUNG British hostage watched helplessly as two fellow captives were killed by Papuan rebels when special forces attacked their jungle

base, it was disclosed last Anna McIvor was then left alone in the forest as the rebels, who had attacked the two indonesians pair with machetes and a poison arrow, dragged their victims away and abandoned them to bleed

to death. Miss McIvor, a 21-year-old Cambridge graduate, and the two Indonesians had become separated from eight other hostages, who were freed soon after troops launched their arrack on the rebel camp on a mountain ridge in the Irian Jaya jungle. She was rescued only after hours of fighting between the soldiers and the kidnappers that ended with two of the 20 rebels being shot dead and another two cap-

Ban on 'Jerusalem' puts memorial service in a jam

tured. Four others had been killed earlier in the five-day operation to free the hostages. who had been held prisoner since January.

Last night all nine hostages four Cambridge graduates, two Dutch nationals, one of them seven months pregnant, and three Indonesians - were in hospital in Jakarta. They were all thin and bewildered, but only three needed intensive care; the others were said just to need a good rest.

Ms McIvor telephoned her family in Bournemouth to say that she was she was none the worse physically for her ordeal. Her mother, Susan, said that she sounded "absolutely amazing", but added: "This was not the right time to talk about what they had been through."

Daniel Start also rang his family in West Sussex to reassure them. His stepmother, Jan, said his first question

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and commercial areas, in order that we

can enjoy the delights of the country ...

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just in the fields and pastures, but in

The Church of Scotland recently

excluded Jerusalem from its new

hymnbook on the ground that it was

not suitable for the present age.

the cities and towns."

was about the English spring.
"He wanted to know if he had missed the bluebells. He was thrilled when I told him that the spring was late and they weren't all out yet - if he hurried home to Midhurst, he

would still see them."
She added: "Daniel sounded composed and calm at first - happy to be free. But there was great sadness, too, over the two Indonesian hostages killed when the special forces went in. They were his freidns and we were all crying. I think Daniel is in a state of shock at

what happened."

Mr Start also told his family of the hostages' fear that they might never escape the jungle of Irian Jaya, for whose independence the kidnappers were fighting. "He said that because of the nature of the terrain, only James Bond

could free them, they were beginning to lose hope when Continued on page 2 col 5

Canon Gray. "It is an English legend

put to music," he said. "When I think

how many modern hymns there are

that are not really Christian-based, it seems strange to pick on a hymn that

The Rev Michael Garland, secretary

of the Hymn Society, said: "It is a

splendid tune and has been sung on

national occasions. It seems anything

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The Home Secretary will

today launch one of the

fiercest attacks by a senior

government minister on the

European Court of Justice.

With the Government consid-

ering new proposals for re-

forming the court to put before the inter-governmen-

tal conference on the future of Europe, Michael Howard will accuse the court of

"adopting its own political agenda" and acting beyond the treaties. He will tell a

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Polite revolution didn't hurt, didn't work — didn't last

Vesterday, Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, and Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, slept together. On the Front Bench.

It did not last long; the short period during which Mr Lilley closed his eyes and rested his head overlapped only briefly with the momentary lapse during which Mr Hogg became comatose. But there was a spell - it occurred around 3.20pm — when both seemed to be asleep.

Appearances can be deceptive and we do best to assume that both were finding the TV

Teacher

criticised

for secret

filming

By Alexandra Frean

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOL governors in Great-er Manchester launched an

investigation yesterday into

the actions of a teacher who

secretly filmed scenes for a

television documentary about

of governors at Stamford County High School in Ash-

ton-under-Lyne, accused Gill

Taylor, a drama teacher, of

selfishly blackening the good name of the school by agree-ing to take part in an under-

cover operation with Channel

4 to film the worst excesses in

The Despatches pro-

gramme, broadcast on Wed-

nesday, did not name the

school, but revealed severe

discipline problems. Pupils

were shown insulting Ms Taylor in front of the hidden

camera as she tried to repri-

mand them. It also showed a

booby trap of broken glass being placed in her desk drawer and told of pupils

carrying weapons and teach-

Mrs Reeds said: "She has

given no thought or consider-

ation to the consequences of

her actions which will affect

the pupils, of whom the vast

majority are hard working

ers being assaulted.

Glenys Reeds, chairwoman

classroom violence.

lights a little too bright. But anyone who did drop off at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday could be forgiven. It was staggeringly dull. It was the beginning of Tony Blair's much-trumpeted campaign to make PM's Questions more polite. It was also the end of his campaign. How do we know this? Because, though Mr Blair started courteously, he managed to keep it up for only two questions, then lost control and blew it on his third. We were back where we started, in the school playground. At this point the session picked up. The "Polite



Revolution" (as it may come to be known) had lasted all of four minutes

Tim Rathbone (C, Lewes) ushered in the revolution at 3.17 with a question of mindblowing courtesy and goodwill in which he put not one but two high-minded inquiries to the Prime Minister. Did Mr Major share his admiration for the "tackling drugs togeth-er" campaign? Would Mr Major accept his thanks for his "involvement with young people last Tuesday" to pursue

that campaign? Tough questions indeed, but Rathbone was merciless: "And will my Rt hon friend join me in welcoming yesterday's fall in unemployment?" Mr Major bit the bullet, grasped the nettle, took the bull by the horns, and replied Yes to all

A very constructive start. Everybody yawned. Then Mr Blair rose. Whilst appreciating the Government's difficulties," he began, and launched into a deeply helpful and learned question about the BSE culling programme. By way of reply Mr Major offered a thoughtful dissertation on

tallow, gelatine and semen. This was appalling. How long could it go on? Parliamentary sketchwriters reduncancy in the face. Blair attempted a second

question, equally constructive: would the PM "redouble his efforts" to sort out problems

resolve the deadlock on de-

commissioning, saying Mr Major had stated his aspira-

tion on decommissioning but

had failed "to move forward to

work out or put forward

propositions about how this

made clear that Britain was

not accepting Dublin's pro-

posal for totally separate dis-

cussions on weapons,

Unionists on the Tory

backbenches were alarmed by

Mr Major's stance. They

claimed that the Government

had moved too far from its

original demand for a commit-

ment that arms be decommis-

signed in advance of talks and

said that Mr Major was

allowing Sinn Fein to dictate

Although Downing Street

could be brought about".

with abattoirs? Indeed he would. In a rivening riposte, from which the phrase carcasses cannot be put into cold storage until they are at least partly rendered" stands out as the most rivetting. Major checkmated Blair's courtesy with courtesy of his own, and leered at him, like a Teacher's

Pet in class, seeing off a rival.

Blair flipped. "Of course some would say it did hurt and it hasn't worked," he snapped. Phew! Polite Revolution over. Mr Blair looked at his shoes, ashamed.

Madam Speaker was so cross she cut off the next

questioner, John Townend (C. Bridlington) in mid-flow. Earlier she had even silenced the Chief Secretary, William Waldegrave, Spending all this time with the Queen and President Chirac recently seems to have emboldened her. Why, only that morning they had named a new rose 'Madam Speaker" after her.

But when will they name the "Prime Minister" rose? Hardy (though prey to a variety of pests) and surprisingly prickly, this rose can disappoint gardeners seeking a colourful show, but blooms unexpectedly at General Elections.

the Irish Deputy Prime Minis-

ter, that a fourth strand of

separate talks on weapons destruction should be held

from the three-stranded main

talks. "We do not see a

separate stream for these de-

Officials played down sug-

gestions that Mr Major's arti-

cle was aimed at winning over

nationalists ahead of the June

10 talks. "We have said many

times that decommissioning

must be addressed at the start

of all-party talks." Senior officials said that parallel de-

commissioning had been ad-dressed in the Mitchell report.

Mr Adams refused to say

whether the Prime Minister's

comments had improved the

chances of another IRA truce

being declared. The Sinn Fein

president said he would not be

IRA to restore its ceasefire in

the light of Mr Major's article.

He added: "I want to go to the

IRA on the basis that I am

Dublin seized on Mr Ma-

jor's article to renew its pres-

sure on the IRA to restore its

ceasefire. John Bruton, the

Irish Prime Minister, who has

been pressing Britain to ad-dress Sinn Fein's concerns.

going to succeed."

dashing off" to call on the

commissioning talks."

ing concern" at the way the court is operating.

Treatment ended Doctors at Law Hospital in Lanarkshire withdrew treatment from Janet Johnston, 53, who is at the centre of Scotland's first right-to-die case. They had been advised by their solicitors that there was no legal challenge to a ruling last month in the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

Jail bomb found

A bomb was defused at the top-security Maghaberry Prison in Co Antrim yesterday. The bomb, which was under a car in the visitors' car park, is believed to have been part of a feud between factions in the Irish Republican Liberation Army. Visits to the jail were cancelled until the device was made safe.

Divorce threat

The Government still faces defeat over its contentious divorce Bill despite having agreed to a series of embarrassing concessions. As the committee stage of the Family Law Bill came to a close last night, right-wing Tories, and Labour MPs made clear they would try to kill it during third reading next month.

Pupil dead

A pupil at the independent. King's School Worcester, has been found dead shortly. before he was due to sit his A level examinations. Matthew Surman, 18, was found dead at the weekend in a fumefilled car in the garage of the family home in Droitwich. Matthew started attending King's almost eleven years.

Wild boar hunt.

A wild boar that escaped from a farm near Dunbar, Lothian, was still on the run last night. Police put up posters warning the public to stay away from Pumba, which may have been injured in a scuffle with two lurchers. The animal's owner, Garth Bell, said it was unlikely to attack anyone.

New dinosaur

The remains of an African dinosaur as large as Tyrannosaurus rer have been found in Morocco, with those of a smaller but fleeter-footed cousin. They were found in the Kem Kem region. The smaller dinosaur is entirely new and has been named Deltadromeus agilis (agile delta runner).

Tories threaten to resign whip over Sinn Fein talks

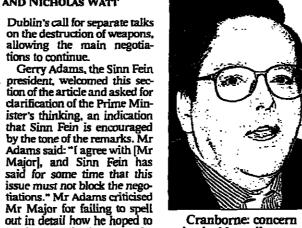
By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND NICHOLAS WATT

TORY MPs threatened last night to resign the party whip if John Major allows all-party Northern Ireland talks to go ahead without any agreement over the decommissioning of terrorist weapons.

Conservative backbenchers were infuriated by Mr Major's suggestion, in yesterday's Irish Times, that the issue should not block the all-party talks set to begin next month. They claimed that such a move would allow Sinn Fein to take part in talks without the need for any agreement over the surrender of weapons.

Mr Major is also facing increasing pressure among Cabinet colleagues who have voiced fears that Unionist concerns are being ignored in an attempt to draw Sinn Fein into the talks. Viscount Cranborne, the Leader of the House of Lords and one of the most prominent Tory Unionists. has been backed in his concerns by several Cabinet colleagues, including Michael Howard and Peter Lilley.

The Prime Minister wrote that agreement had to be reached on how "decommissioning can be taken forward without blocking the negotiations". His words were immediately interpreted by Sinn Fein and the Irish Government as a move towards



Cranborne: concern backed by colleagues

the timing of terrorist arms being given up.

One senior pro-Unionist Tory said: We have had enough of this. I and one or two colleagues are seriously

confident that he has control. or even influence, over the direction of these talks. Everything is being handed to Sinn

considering resigning the whip if the Government persists with this." Another Tory backbencher said: "We have given the Prime Minister the benefit of the doubt for many months even though we have had severe reservations. We are no longer

Fein to make the running."

Downing Street rejected the

said the IRA should act because Mr Major had showed that he was deeply committed to the talks.

Rethink urged on £500m millennium exhibition

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE Millennium Commission is under intense government pressure to scale down its plans for a £500 million exhibition in Greenwich.

Ministerial concern that private companies are unwilling to provide the sponsorship of up to £300 million needed to match a proposed lottery grant of £200 million has forced the commission to reconsider its scheme. It was planning a year-long event modelled on the Festival of Britain in 1951.

Yesterday Sir Peter Levene, efficiency adviser to the Prime Minister, presented the commission with a report on the scheme's commercial prospects. It is understood that he suggested a smaller exhibition at about half the cost.

A source said: "There are

Continued from page I the special forces launched

their assault." Mrs Start said.

ents described their conversa-

tion with their daughter as "short and harrowing". Her

father, Maarten, said from his

home in Fleet, Hampshire: "Certainly they are all being

very brave about what hap-pened. But they are pretty

upset and we have to be

careful. We are immensely

distressed too. Our happiness

has been marred by the death

Mr van der Kolk predicted that the freed hostages would want to stay in Indonesia for the funerals of their friends.

We don't expect them home

As the hostages recovered in hospital, the Indonesian armed forces chief of staff gave

more details of the operation

to end their 139-day ordeal.

Lieutenant General Soeyono said that his troops has found

the rebels' hideout using heat-

seeking equipment and track-

er dogs. The first signals were spotted by a pilotless drone equipped with thermal detec-

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Annette van der Kolk's par-

people who think that the commission originally over-egged the size of the exhibi-

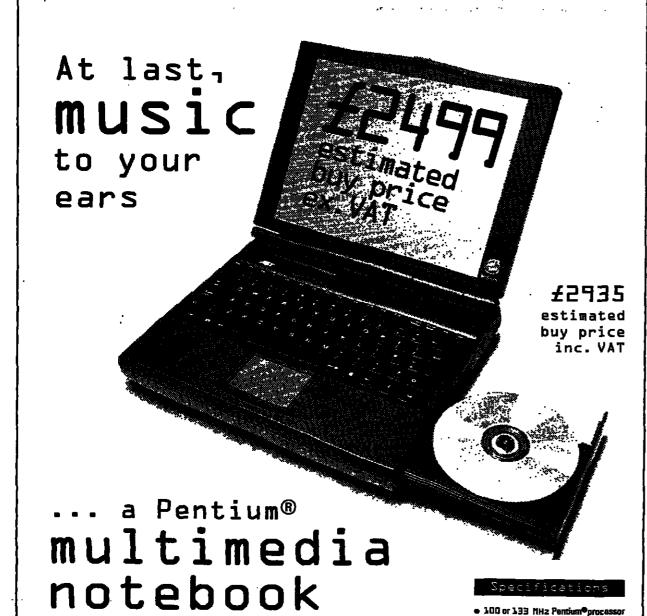
write the private sector investment in the exhibition. A spokesman for the Greenwich Millennium Trust, one of the exhibition's backers, said companies were reluctant to come

expressed interest in supporting the exhibition include British Airways. BT and the British Airports Authority. The difficulty in persuading sponsors to commit themselves is a severe blow to the Government, which hoped that the exhibition would be a big tourist attraction and a showcase for British com-

staging it in Birmingham, which competed with Greenwhich for the contract, would We have come so far down the road on this that there is no lennium Trust said.

tion. One solution would be for the Commission to put up around £100 million, instead of the proposed £200 million. and for the private sector to bankroll a further £100 million. That would be easier to raise, would still be enough to fund a fairly impressive show and might be better for Greenwich in the long term because it would be more easier to sustain in the long term." Another option being considered is the creation of a government scheme to under-

merce and industry. Scrapping the exhibition or embarrass the commission. turning back now," a spokesman for the Greenwich Mil-



Gill Taylor, who filmed her unruly pupils with a concealed camera for a television documentary

ciation of Schoolmasters and

Union of Women Teachers.

said that the programme con-

firmed everything the union

had been saying about class-

room violence, although the

use of hidden cameras would

make other teachers feel

A spokesman for Tameside council said that the pro-

gramme gave a distorted pic-

ture of the school, where most

pupils were lively, keen, and hard-working.

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Ms Taylor, who was on sick

leave yesterday, said she had

received messages of support

from other teachers. "I realise

that what I did could

jeopardise my career and that I might be blacklisted for

teaching jobs, but I feel that what I did was right. After the

killing of Philip Lawrence, I felt I had to act," she said.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-

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Then, just before dawn on Wednesday, the dogs picked up the scent of blood and the medication being used by the pregnant hostage Martha Klein. "The main hostage group was isolated early on and we were able to free them

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Jungle hostage quickly," the general said.
"But lighting continued from
7 am through to 3.30 pm. It was not continuous fighting. It was fighting on the run. covering an area several kilometres in distance.

"As our troops chased after the terrorists, they came across Anna McIvor, who they had taken with them, but whome they had been forced to abandon. Anna and the two Indonesians had become seperated from the others when the Free Papua Movement kidnappers suddenly turned on the Indonesians."

General Saeyono said one was attacked with an axe in the back and the other was hit with a poisoned arrow. "They did not die immediately but were dragged away by the OPM. Anna was left in the forest alone. It must have been awful for her."

Six of the 20 rebels had guns; the rest were armed with an assortment of weapons. 100 special forces, regular soldiers and police were involved.

Brigadier General Prabowo Subianto, the special forces commander, said: Two rebels were shot in the battle. Six others had been killed in the course of the previous five days of operations." The dead have yet to be identified, so it is not known if they include the rebel leaders Kelly Kwalik and Daniel Kogoya.

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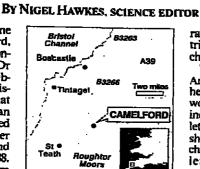
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were all aged about 14, and pupils at Sir James Smith's Community School. The surviving children are being treated for the disease and are said to be doing well. Water poisoning is extremely unlikely because the

chemicals in the water episode were inorganic," Dr Miles said. "Where chemicals have been associated with causes of cancer they tend to be organic. Therefore at this stage we think it is unlikely." He is seeking expert advice

from the Department of Health on this and other aspects of clusters of specific diseases. Nothing was being ruled out, he said, adding that it was "remarkably unusual" to have three cases in the same leukaemias may have been tutor group at the same caused by the radioactive gas



school. Before this cluster, the last recorded case from Camelford had been in 1984. Normally, Dr Miles said, only between three and nine cases of leukaemia would occur each year in children aged up to 16 in the whole health authority area.

Dr Miles said that all three children, who have been diagnosed with different types of leukaemia, had been living in Camelford at the time of the water pollution incident. "I am not confident we will get to the bottom of this. Causes of leukaemia are many, and in most cases it is not possible to determine the exact cause or group of causes,"

The possibility that the

13 counties may be at risk from radon gas

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

A FURTHER 100,000 households could be exposed to radon gas, one of the biggest causes of lung cancer, the Department of Environment

confirmed yesterday. The new zones, which had previously been thought to be free from risk, are highlighted on a map published by the National Radiological Protection Board. They include parts of Somerset, Cumbria, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Leicestersbire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire. Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Wiltshire. Householders will be invited by the board to take part

in a free test to identify whether their home is affected. Remedial measures will cost up to £800 and include sealing floors and improving airflow under houses.

In each area more than I per cent of homes is expected to be above the Government's action level for radiation. In some areas, up to 30 per cent of homes are thought to be affected. The gas, produced by the decay of natural uranium, disperses quickly in open air but can accumulate in buildings.

The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health yesterday accused the Government of ignoring warnings.

radon, or by high-voltage elec-tricity cables, will also be checked by scientists.

The school's head teacher, Angela Perlmutter, said a authority helpline would be open to answer inquiries from parents. In a letter to parents she said they should not fear that their children were at risk because leukaemia was not

Paul Tyler, MP for North Cornwall, said that the three cases were "a remarkable coincidence". He reiterated his calls for a public inquiry into the pollution incident. Local people have complained of poor health ever since.

Leukaemia clusters have been observed in many places before. Several have been seen around nuclear power stations, leading to claims that they are caused by radiation. Others have no connection to nuclear power, and many theories have been advanced to explain them.

Among the most persuasive is the suggestion that childhood leukaemia may indeed be caused by an infective agent, so far unidentified. Leukaemia in cats is caused by

According to this theory, the disease emerges in clusters when there are population movements which bring vulnerable and immune communities into contact. There seems, however, no special reason why this should apply to Camelford.

The Leukaemia Research Fund said it was extremely rare for several leukaemia cases to occur in the same place, at the same time and in the same age group. A spokesman said: "Indeed it is possibly unique in the UK. It is very important to carry out a careful study to determine whether there are any common factors among the affected children."

Two of the cases were acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and the third acute myeloid leukaemia. There is little, if any, evidence to suggest that these two different forms have the same underlying causes," the spokesman said.



F1 team bans pitstop passion to stop lover driving Alesi round the bend

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONTE CARLO

FAST cars and women have always been a feature of the Monaco grand prix, the showpiece of the Formula One season, but this year one team has slammed the brakes on the one to help speed up the other. Jean Alesi, the dashing Frenchman who was hired last year by the Benetton team to replace the world champion, Michael Schumacher, is having a hard time earning his £4 million this season. Five races have come and gone without him living up to expectations - and his team has decided

something must be done. Benetton admit their driver has been encouraged to banish all "distractions" at grands prix, and chief among these is, it seems, his girlfriend. Kumiko Goto. a Japanese actress famed in her homeland. The Benetton team deny it, but it is understood that she has been banned from the race-track. Kumiko, once a fixture, was absent from the San Marino grand prix a fortnight ago and has not

suggest she has been banned for three races, which means she will miss the Spanish grand prix at the end of the

Not that she will be the first female exile from the pit lane. In 1992, Jordan was forced to ban the wife of Stefano Modena from circuits because she had taken to calling her own press confer-

In 1994, Sandy Andretti, the wife of the American driver, Michael Andretti, caused consternation among the McLaren team by donning a headset and talking to her husband while he was still out on the track. She was asking. apparently, where they were going for dinner that night.

More recently, Pedro Diniz, the Ligier driver, is thought to have suggested himself that his girlfriend stay away from races at the end of last season because of her fondness for another driver. She has been reprieved now, though.

Ian Phillips, the commercial director at Jordan, a team famed for its liberal, laidthe attendance of wives and girlfriends were often written into drivers' contracts. We have done agreements saying no girifriend until the day of the race," he said. "Mostly, though, we leave it up to

Damon Hill's wife, Georgie, one of the most articulate of the current crop of drivers' wives, comes to only three or four races a year so that their children are not left alone too often. The behaviour of partners, she says, depends on the requirements of their husbands or boyfriends. "Some want you to be right there all the time," she said. "Some seem to want to know you're around if they want you and others just say stay away completely until all their work is done.

Damon is very happy for me to be at the circuit. I always make sure he knows where I am so he can find me if he needs to. Being there is most important at the end of the day so he can have someone to talk to that he trusts. How do I avoid being a distraction? I try to keep my bra

Museums chief may face quiz on medals

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE DIRECTOR of the National Galleries of Scotland has been criticised for his decision to sell his personal collection of Renaissance and baroque bronzes and medals.

Timothy Clifford, head of the galleries since 1984, planned to sell the collection of 597 medals anonymously to alleviate financial difficulties. But, because it was one of the largest collections to come onto the market for a long time, his identity leaked out.

Tristram Besterman, convenor of the Museums' Association ethics committee, said the sale was to be discussed at the committee's next meeting. He said he had spoken briefly to Mr Clifford.

"I'd rather he hadn't done this and I'm not happy about it but it is a grey area," he said.
"It may be that he has not breached the rules. He informed his institution and sought their permission. They told him it was all right as long as he sold anonymously and therefore was not trading

on their name." The ethical code of the association states that no member of the museum profession should "deal in material covered by the institution's collecting policy ... The professional should be aware that such dealing might affect other institutions and is best avoided altogether."

The National Gallery of Scotland has built up a collection of Renaissance commemorative medals under Mr Clifford's directorship in the past ten years. A spokesman for the Gallery said: "The matter is a private one. The Gallery will not be bidding for the medals as that would constitute a conflict of interest."

Mr Clifford said he was being forced to sell for financial reasons and denied there was any conflict of interest. He is not selling anything he has acquired since he has been director and is planning to donate several of his medals to the museum. The collection. which is expected to fetch between £250,000 and £300,000 when it is auctioned by Spink and Son in London on Tuesday, was advertised as "the property of a gentleman".

Rape victim testifies a second time

A VICTIM of a convicted rapist who gave evidence against him 11 years ago returned to court for a case with what the prosecution called "echoes of similarity".

A jury at Maidstone Crown Court had decided that John Blackman, 49, abducted a 19year-old girl and subjected her to a three-day attack at his ilat in Deptford, southeast

The judge allowed the jury to hear evidence from the woman he abducted and raped in 1985. Blackman admitted that attack and was jailed by Leicester Crown Court for nine years.

In the present case, Blackman met the girl in a pub in January last year. She told the court: "I couldn't escape. He was beside me all the time. I was scared, felt sick and shaking. Every time I said no, he hit me."

She escaped by convincing him that she would return to live with him and he agreed to drive her home to Margate, Kent. When she got home she found that her mother had

reported her missing. Blackman was found guilty of six charges of rape, one of attempted rape, false imprisonment and indecent assault. Sentencing was adjourned until June 28 for medical, psychi-

Film-maker strikes back in £1.3bn Star Wars deal

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, at the cannes film festival

GEORGE LUCAS, the man behind the Star Wars film trilogy, is to make three more of the science-fiction epics, aimed at fans from a new teenage generation, after clinching the biggest deal in cinema history.

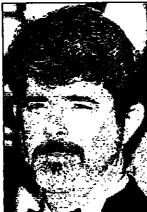
Lucas, writer-director of

Star Wars (1977), The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and Return of the Jedi (1983), has agreed the \$2billion (£1.3billion) contract with the makers of Pepsi. It has been rumoured that he is keen for Kenneth Branagh to step into Sir Alec Guinness's shoes as the Jedi knight, Obi-wan Kenobi.

The Pepsi deal, which includes space-adventure merchandising, made jaws drop even at seen-it-all Cannes. Pepsi, which recently changed the livery of its cola cans to blue, presumably sees the deal with Lucasfilm as another way of appealing to teenage

Pepsi drinkers.
The Star Wars films have developed a cult following among the young. The videos were top-ten hits all last year. with 1.5 million copies sold in

the run-up to Christmas. Video games, and spin-off books and toys, have fed the Star Wars mania. Last November. Nintendo announced



Lucas: biggest deal in cinema history

game called Shadows Of The Emipire: players pit their wits against the Star Wars characters. The films that Lucas is to

make with Pepsi will tell the story before his original Star *Wars* films — which are themselves to be given digitally remastered soundtracks nd enhanced visual effects and returned to the big screen. The success of the original

Star Wars epic surprised even 20th Century Fox, which handed Lucas a \$11.5 million budget after his pitch had

and between Friday May 17

audiences for science fiction had been thought to be limited. Spectacular special effects - laser duels, exploding planets and spaceship skirmishes
— catapulted the film to success. Tongue-in-cheek humour and Harrison Ford helped. Roger A. Enrico, chief exec-

utive of PepsiCo, said: "Lucasfilm has and will continue to change the way movies are made, and this partnership will forever change the way movies are marketed." This would allow them "to truly connect with virtually every consumer in the world". Maybe soon in outer space, too.

News that cinema's biggest blockbusters will be made in the United States came as "a great disappointment" to Sir Sydney Samuelson, commissioner of the British Film Commission. The original Star Wars pictures were made

at Elstree. However, Sir Sydney added: "George Lucas and his colleagues are great admirers of the British film industry. with our skills base. We'd much prefer him to do them in Britain, but a tie-up with Pepsi is all to do with marketing. George will be back."

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atric and pre-sentence reports. I that it was releasing a video Gordonstoun pupils ground RAF and Friday May 31, at certain times of the day, we will not

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

PUPILS at Gordonstoun, the independent boarding school attended by the Princess Royal's children, have grounded the Royal Air Force while they sit their examinations.

The school is three miles from the RAF base at Lossiemouth in Morayshire and directly under the take-off flight path for the RAF's Tornado jets. From today until the end of the month the RAF is banning take offs at certain times of the day while the 420 pupils sit their exams. James Thomas, a school spokesman, said: "We are directly in the flight path. They are our next-door neigh-



a couple of times a year and bours. They are certainly on the whole they are very co-

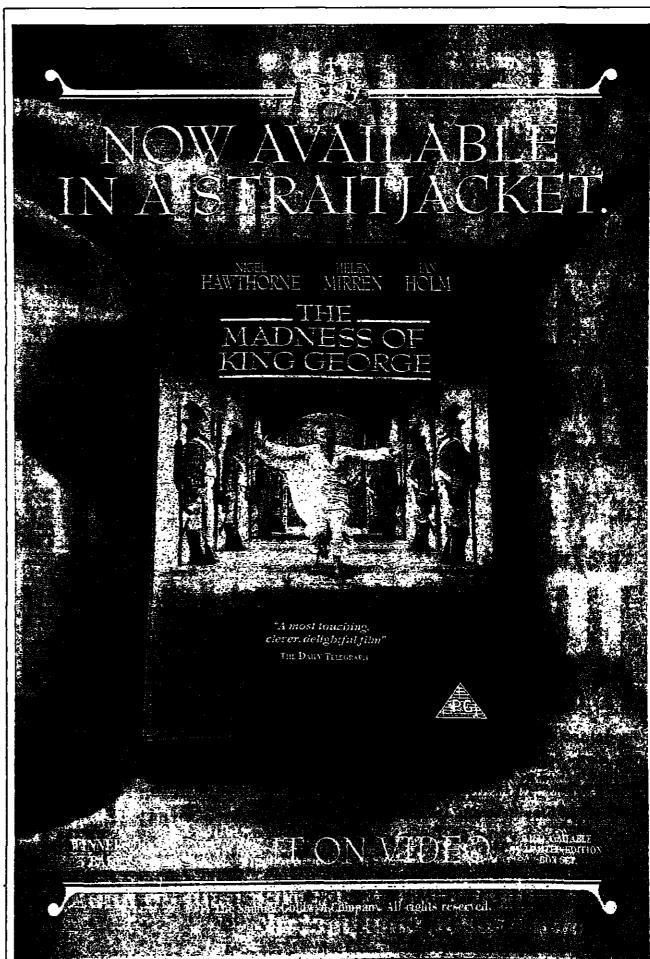
noisy enough to disrupt pupils' concentration. For most of them, the exams are a lifeor-death matter."

Mr Thomas said the RAF and the school had a good history of co-operation. "We tend to socialise at high days and holidays. They send their careers people into the school take off. The ban means a certain amount of disruption then that is encouraging."

operative. Occasionally if we need an ariel photograph they will help out." RAF Lossiemouth said the school had written to the base asking for its co-operation during the examination season. "They sent us a timetable

and inconvenience, but we can live with it, and if it leads to good community relations ☐ The Ministry of Defence is considering flying the Royal Family in a French helicopter for official visits, instead of a new British aircraft which has already been ordered for the

The two ageing Wessex helicopters assigned to the rovals and members of the Government have to be replaced and the MoD is studying a number of options. including purchasing the French Super Puma.



One in six secondary pupils struggles to read a textbook



Shephard: new survey

By David Charter EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

READING textbooks and using a dictionary are a struggle for one in six secondary school pupils, a

survey disclosed yesterday. More pupils are arriving at secondary schools years behind their age group in reading, but the Basic Skills Agency found that most of their teachers received no training in teaching the basics of literacy.

The disclosure will add to concerns over reading standards. The findings from 200 schools follow an

inspectors' report earlier on children's reading standards in innercity primary schools in three London boroughs. This found that twofifths of 11-year-olds were two years or more behind their age range.

The agency's survey comes as 11year-olds take national tests in English. Last year's results, which showed that less than half of pupils starting secondary school had reached the level expected of their age, led the Government to introduce league tables of primary

schools, to raise standards.

officer with the agency, said: "All the cent felt they were poor at writing evidence indicates that if you have reading problems at ten which are not being tackled, you are likely to come out of school with reading and writing difficulties which are going to make your job and life opportuni-

ties severely restricted." The survey for the agency by MORI found that three in five secondary school teachers had had no in-service training on teaching reading and writing.

Although 65 per cent of the 4,532 pupils surveyed thought they were good readers for their age, 10 per

and 20 per cent wanted extra help with reading, while nearly 40 per cent admitted difficulties with spelling. A further 15 per cent said they had difficulty looking up words in the dictionary; 16 per cent had difficulty reading text-books; and 37 per cent said they needed extra help

with mathematics. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is setting up 25 centres for remedial training of primary school teachers in English and mathematics. She acted after Chris Woodhead, the

Chief Inspector of Schools, said there were 15,000 poor teachers in English schools.

Concerns were heightened earlier this month with a highly critical report from Ofsted, the school inspection agency, on reading levels at 45 primary schools in the three inner London boroughs. Mrs Shephard then backed the call from Mr Woodhead for more traditional methods of teaching reading. Yesterday she said: "This survey confirms the message in the Chief Inspector of School's annual report and the recent Ofsted study of reading standards in three London boroughs."

The Basic Skills Agency yesterday announced grants to more than 100 secondary schools to help with inservice training in the basics. The move is aimed at helping teachers to make progress with the 10 per cent of pupils who leave school without a GCSE pass. Mr Pateman added: "We have got to do something at secondary level because these kids are otherwise unlikely to achieve at GCSE and to succeed in life."

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Chirac spared as Glasgow makes meal of beef crisis

By ALAN HAMILTON

PRESIDENT CHIRAC, on the third day of his state visit to Britain, was narrowly saved from yet another potentially with British beef by the good people of Glasgow.

As the President, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, went walkabout in Easterhouse, one of the city's vast, soulless and famously deprived housing estates, a patriotic butcher sprang to action. Tommy Boyle emerged from his shop bearing two trays of buns containing his own finest Scottish beefburgers.

But as he pushed his way through onlookers in a valiant

By Michael Binyon

JOHN MAJOR and Presi-

dent Chirac have announced

a school partnership project

to increase contacts between

young people in Britain and

Britain has pledged more than £1 million to the "Dia-

logue 2000" scheme, which

over the next four years will

enable 200 schools and col-

leges in both countries to

develop innovative ex-

changes. Pupils and their

teachers will spend several

closer cultural links

attempt to offer his wares to the presidential party and thereby hammer home a political point. Mr Boyle was hijacked. The crowd closed in around him. M Chirac strolled past smiling in benign ignorance of the drama, and within seconds every last burger had been snatched and

Easterhouse does not see a French President, or indeed a free hamburger, every day. Built in the late 50s and early 60s with almost no social infrastructure, it has twice the unemployment rate of the rest of Glasgow, twice the rate of violent crime and twice the

months in their partner

schools, working together on

joint curriculum projects. The

two leaders also announced a

programme to take the best of

each other's writing and pub-

lishing. "Copyright 2000" will

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Mr Major and M Chirac

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also announced a joint initia-

tive to step up the fight

against drugs.

fair will be held in October.

Leaders pledge to forge of community volunteer groups, given that France will

> When M Chirac stepped from his car he was greeted by a crowd of several hundred residents, waving exclusively the Scottish saltire, without a Union Jack in sight. The President went straight to the crowd to shake hands and kiss babies, but beef was on the menu within moments. Jean Craig, who runs a nearby dairy farm, buttonholed M Chirac and told him to keep up the pressure to have the EÛ beef ban lifted. The President simply smiled, but Michael

Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-

tary, leapt between the two

and said quickly to the farmer,

rate of babies born below normal weight. But in recent years the

Easterhouse community, which has declined to about 40,000, has been making strenuous efforts to pull itself up by its boot straps, with local involvement in planning and public spending decisions, and help to its young people from the Prince of Wales's various charities. President Chirac had asked

to see community work among deprived urban populations in the hope of learning useful lessons for France, where, like Scotland, tenements are widespread. He also wanted to see something

soon end compulsory military service and may replace it with a civilian equivalent.



M Chirac and the Prince meeting residents in Easterhouse during a tour of schemes to improve community life

who if she is a Tory voter will be the only one for miles:

We're working on it." The President, who ap-peared to cope well with the thick local accent, met several young Easterhouse residents who had built up businesses on small start-up grants from the Prince's Trust. M Chirac also met members of the Prince's volunteers, who have developed a form of civilian national service in the

At St Leonard's School, M Chirac was greeted in French by Kathleen Devenney, 14, who offered a carefully rehearsed: "M Le President, bienvenue à notre école". The President responded with a "merci" and a kiss on both Kathleen's cheeks.

At the school the President saw an example of a successful recent venture by the Prince's Trust, a nationwide chain of study support centres where children from noisy or crowded homes can retreat in the evening to do their homework. He also met Lisa McGranachan, 12, dressed as the best known figure of shared Franco-Scottish history, Mary Queen of Scots.

M Chirac appeared impressed by Easterhouse's attempts at self-improvement. "It is a fantastic experience to mobilise the people and the volunteers for the benefit of the majority, particularly the children," he said, reverting for the first time to French. "It is a wonderful success, and I think we have many ideas to take back to Paris."

As President and Prince later toured a Glasgow optical factory, and an Anglo-French joint venture making defence equipment, the subject of drugs on the Easterhouse estate was raised as the Prince sat with workers during their tea break. He told Albert McKirdey, 51, a process inspector at the Pilkington-Thomson plant, of his concerns for his own sons: "When they are younger you can keep control, but when they get older they get their

While M Chirac was served British beef when he dined with the Queen on Tuesday, there were no similar encoun ters yesterday. He enjoyed a lunch of Balmoral salmon at Glasgow's city chambers. Similarly there was not a piece of beef in sight at the French ambassador's residence in London last night, when M Chirac served the Queen French lamb at his return banquet.

They do not, of course, have any scruples about eating beef in Easterhouse. A free burger is a free burger, whatever they

> Beef talks, page 8 Philip Howard, page 20 | work.

Police aim for early learning over drugs

By Stewart Tendler

TEACHING children the dangers of drug abuse should Metropolitan Police Commissioner said yesterday.

Sir Paul Condon said young children could be introduced to the subject gently. The dangers would be spelt out as teachers and police talked to classes about general safety and health. Officers were already taking part in drug awareness programmes in some primary schools.

Sir Paul, speaking at the launch of a Scotland Yard campaign against drugs, said: If we are telling primary schoolchildren about the dangers in life, from the road or strangers, one of the significant dangers they will face is the danger from drugs."

He said every secondary school aiready had a drug problem or the potential for one. So far, there had been few problems with younger child-ren, although there had been cases of ten-year-olds dabbling with drugs.

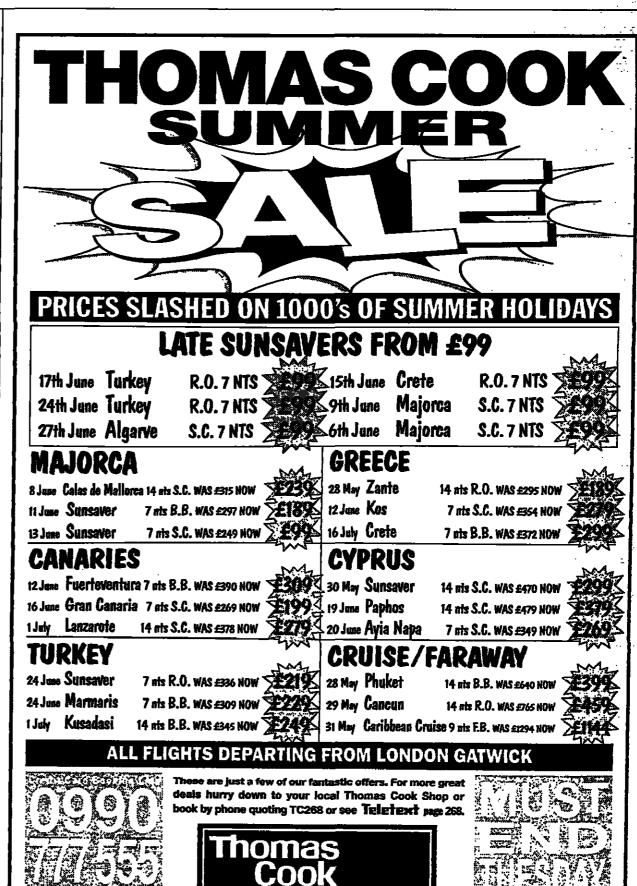
A video produced by London schoolchildren is being distributed to every secondary school as part of the £250,000 campaign. Aimed at children aged 12 to 14, it includes interviews with addicts, criminals and prostitutes in rehabilitation units and prison.

Alongside the anti-drugs message, the Yard plans to increase pressure on dealers and traffickers with more intelligence and surveillance

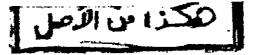
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· 'Evil' paedophiles who killed Daniel may never go free

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TWO paedophiles who acted out their sexual fantasies by kidnapping and murdering a nine-year-old boy were jailed for life yesterday, with a recommendation that they never be released.

A jury took less than two hours to convict Brest Tyler, 30, of murdering Daniel Handley after he and his former lover. Timothy Morss. had sexually abused the boy. Morss, 33, had earlier admitted murder.

Mr Justice Curtis told the two men, who have previous convictions for sex offences with young boys: "You two are evil vultures. Your homosexual lusts are directed against other people's sons.

"No society can tolerate men kidnapping a child off the street while playing, nor such inhuman, callous conduct to a child. You are both calculating men; I don't believe you are truly sorry for what you have

Tyler, of no fixed address, and Morss of Leyton, east London, were given three concurrent life sentences for murder, false imprisonment and a serious sexual offence. The judge warned them: "Life means life and I want you to be under no illusion whatsoever that I propose to recommend that you serve exactly

He said records of the case should be "preserved forever so anyone considering your futures will be under no illusions as to what you are. Both of you are a terrible danger with your evil and distorted minds. No one is likely to know when, if ever, you are safe to go back on our

After the men were taken down to the cells at the Old Bailey, the judge praised Acting Detective Inspector Stephen Cavanagh, who intertemptation to attack him. "He should be taken before the Commissioner to be congratu-



Daniel Handley: he was snatched from the street

lated on resisting the temptation to attack Tyler who, in the judgment of most people in the street, should have been

The jury are expected to be offered counselling after listening to the details surrounding Daniel's death.

The boy was four months old in 1986 when Morss and Tyler met for the first time in Wormwood Scrubs, where both were serving sentences for sex offences. Morss had been jailed for five years and

The prosecution said both had "an abiding, perverted sexual interest in young boys". Morss had harboured a fantasy of abducting, assaulting and then murdering a blondhaired, blue-eyed boy. They had discussed their fantasies during therapy sessions.

Detailing their obsessions was eventually to lead to their capture. After the facts of Daniel's death were made public on the BBC Crimewatch programme, a prison officer and a psychiatrist who had interviewed Morss telephoned police to tell them of

his fantasy. Both Tyler and Morss had been abused when they were four years old and living in children's homes. After leaving prison they became lovers. each "winding up" the other

Morss, left, and Tyler, described by the judge as "a terrible danger with your evil and distorted minds"

with talk of sex with boys. In 1994, they decided to make Morss's fantasy a reality.

Daniel lived in Beckton, east London, His mother, Maxine, had five children by three different fathers, and two had gone into care because she could no longer cope. The "streetwise" child dressed in hand-me-down clothes and earned small amounts of cash by pushing trolleys for customers at a supermarket.

The two men, cruising streets the prosecution described as an "ideal hunting ground", came upon Daniel blond-haired and blue-eyed, riding his BMX bicycle.

After bundling him into the back of a blue Peugeot estate car, they drove him to a flat above a cab office in Camberwell, south London, owned by David Guttridge, another of Morss's lovers. There, Morss and Tyler videotaped each other abusing the boy.

The men strangled Daniel as they drove along the M4 towards Bristol. The body was discovered in March last year in a shallow grave close to a house which Morss shared with Guttridge. Tyler and Morss fled to the Philippines, where Tyler had made frequent trips to indulge in his desire for sex with boys and where he also had a Filipino

Their flight was paid for by Guttridge, 59, now living in Brentwood. Essex, who was iailed for 30 months yesterday for attempting to pervert the course of justice. He, too, was a child sex offender who met Morss and Tyler in prison.

Morss returned to England after he fell out with Tyler and was arrested in May last year. Tyler was tracked down by two Scotland Yard detectives. one of them Mr Cavanagh. who travelled to the Philippines. He confessed to strangling Daniel, and again on his return to England, but later retracted the confession and attempted to blame Morss

alone for the killing. After the case. Detective Superintendent Edwin Williams, who headed the inquiry, said: "If you had a scale of evilness, Morss and Tyler would be at the top. There is no higher degree of barbarousness you can go to than what they did to that young

Mrs Handley left court declining to comment. She was accompanied by a representa-

tive of a Sunday newspaper. At a brief press conference later, Mr Williams called for the introduction of a national register of known paedophiles so that their movements could be monitored. It would certainly help future investigations if we knew where paedophiles were living."



A bushman in animal skins is put on show at a fair in South Africa earlier this month. In Britain fears are growing that tribesmen are to be moved from their desert home

Peers urge action to keep bushmen in the Kalahari

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government has ordered the British High Commissioner in Botswana to head into the Kalahari desert to meet the threatened Khwe

The orders were dispatched esterday after peers organised a campaign to save the ancient tribe, which they believe is under threat from the Botswana Government.

The peers claim that Botswana's ministers want the Khwe's homeland, the Central Kalahari game reserve, cleared to make way for farms and a growing tourist trade. The bushmen say that lorries will come after the rainy season to take them away. The 3,000 bushmen left in the reserve have been offered homes in urban settlements with running water, schooling, clinics and free clothing, but refused to go.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch. who led the appeal in the Lords yesterday, said 40,000 years of tradition would end if they were forced into "urban ghettos to wear underwear and eat fast food. They would turn into beggars."

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey. Minister for Overseas Development, tried to calm ears, noting that Botswana had a "very good human rights record". But peers are adamant that the tribe is in danger. They say Britain promised to protect the tribesmen in the 1950s and cannot break the agreement. Over 30,000 tribesmen have al-

ready been resettled and have lost their hunter-gatherer skills and culture.

The British High Commissioner, David Beaumont, has been told to take a group of anthropologists and find out what is going on.

Sir Laurens van der Post drew the world's attention to the plight of the bushmen 40 years ago in his film The Lost World of the Kalahari and predicted their demise.

In the late 1950s Britain made efforts to support the tribe's interests. In 1961 the Central Kalahari game reserve was established where the Khwe people would have special rights. Sir Seretse Khama, the President of Botswana after independence. honoured the accord until he died in 1980. But in the past decade the

bushmen have lost much of their land. Lord Pearson said they had not been included in the list of Botswana's eight official tribes and had no representation. He said that the policy was shortsighted because, far from preventing tourists from viewing game, the tribes were an attraction in themselves and protected the fragile ecosystem.

Baroness Thatcher and the Prince of Wales are supporters of the campaign, It was Lord Tebbit of Chingford who asked Baroness Chalker to send the High Commissioner. She said she doubted the rumours but, if they were true, aid might be put in question.

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Shake-up in top law jobs offers prospect of radical pairing

THE judiciary faces far-reaching change next week when the new holders of the two most influential posts in the English justice system are

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, 62, is tipped to take over as Lord Chief Justice, the most senior serving judge, after the anniouncement that Lord Taylor of Gosforth is retiring early because he has

His place as Master of the Rolls and head of the Court of Appeal's civil division is likely to go to Lord Woolf, the law lord currently drawing up plans for the biggest overhaul of civil justice in 50 years. The appointments would usher in the most radical partnership in the justice system this century and could lead to an

era of unprecedented reform. Sir Thomas is considered one of the most formidable intellects in the judiciary. He would be more palatable to the Government than the other

front-runner for the post, Lord Justice Rose, a senior Court of Appeal judge who is talked of as the judges' choice and who has the backing of many Queen's Bench judges as well as many at the criminal Bar.

But Lord Justice Rose has made no secret of his opposition to Michael Howard's tougher sentencing plans and would follow Lord Taylor in

fighting them. Sir Thomas is considered an outstanding Master of the Rolls who, despite more limited experience in the criminal courts, would be equally able to assume the more politically influential post of Lord Chief

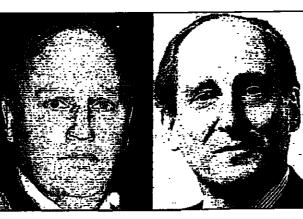
Many thought he would not wish to take on the job in its present form. But Sir Thomas would be likely to extend the role of Lord Chief Justice beyond the daily grind of criminal appeals. He might move more into the highprofile field of judicial review, which would enable him to retain a key influence over the development of case law.

Sir Thomas's style is less confrontational and his language more conciliatory than that of Lord Taylor and he is not in the typical mould of the judge who has come through the ranks of the Bar and beats

the drum of the circuits. One observer said: "He is a bit like Mackay in that he starts from first principles he doesn't carry any baggage
- and looks at everything

In particular he favours scrapping the High Court circuit system. He also was the only senior judge to back the Lord Chancellor's proposals to break the Bar's monopoly of advocacy rights in the higher courts.

He has also criticised Michael Howard's proposals for the same breath gave succour to the Home Secretary by expressing sympathy with the reasoning behind the plans.



Sir Robin Auld, 58, Court of a publican. Failed II-plus and went to a technical college. Won a scholarship to study law at King's Coll-ege London while working as lorry driver and baker's assistant to support himself. Did Bar finals and a PhD while living in his father's pub near Dorking. Friendly and easy-going. Says he has voted for all three main

political parties.

He has endeared himself to

ministers in other respects: he

Richard Scott on public inter-

est immunity was not one

that all judges and practitio-

ners would have shared". Sir Thomas, however, is far

from being a government lap

dog. He went on the offensive

over the shortage of judges in

Sir Thomas Bingham, 62, Master of the Rolls. Razor-Appeal judge. The other Master of the Rolls Razor-outside tip. Father was a sharp mind: brilliant at toolmaker who later became school (Sedbergh) and Oxford (a first and the Eldon Law Scholarship). Liberalleaning views based on reasoned analysis, rather than gut emotion. Austere, somewhat forbidding manner conceals shyness and sense of humour. Excellent after-dinner speaker. Does not suffer fools gladly but known for his kindness. Practising Anglican. Enjoys tending his sheep at cottage in Wales.

> the Court of Appeal and would for the judiciary if he thought their independence was at risk from the executive.

The names of Sir Thomas and Lord Justic Rose are likely to have gone forward to the Prime Minister from the Lord Chancellor after taking discreet soundings over the past

Lord Justice Kennedy. 60. Son-in-law of the late Lord Devlin, he would be the first Roman Catholic in the job. Ampleforth College and Cambridge. Friendly, down to earth with easy manner in the "modern judge" mould. No side, clubbable.

All-rounder who would command respect but perhaps not break ground. Leanings conservative. A friend said: "He is quite unpretentious, has no grand style and travels on the Tube." Strong family man.

two weeks from senior judges and leaders of the profession. The Prime Minister will rec-

ommend one to the Queen. Lord Woolf, who chaired the inquiry into the Strangeways prison riots, would be following in the steps of Lord Denning by coming down from the House of Lords to head the Court of Appeal. He

Lord Justice Rose, 59, Court of Appeal judge and chair-man of Criminal Justice Consultative Council. Genial. friendly, with sardonic sense of humour. Clubbable. Excellent brain: Leeds University then Wadham, Oxford (first in law and Eldon Scholar). In the mould of Lord Taylor, with both enjoying music and playing the piano. Once

noted for his penchant for fedora hats. Would take up the baton from Lord Taylor in fighting the Government ual rights against State.

Possible for Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolls - latter most likely. Fettes College and University College London. The radical's choice. Liberal, humane reformer with a gentle manner. Prominent member of the Jewish community in London. Chaired Strangeways riots inquiry and now major inquiry into civil justice. Was tipped for Master of Rolls last time. Champion of need to protect individ-

being tipped for Lord Chief Justice: Lord Justice Kennedy, is now putting the finishing touches to his report on civil justice, which aims to cut the late Lord Devlin's son-indelays and legal costs. He law, and Lord Justice Auld. would be ideally placed to Both are senior Court of oversee the reforms, which Appeal judges who have a role in helping with the adminis-tration of the court under Lord would turn judges into trial managers, controlling the pace of litigation and setting deadlines on the parties.

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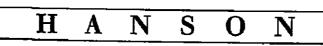
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Ostrich takes off as beef alternative

WEEKEND SHOPPING TANK

OSTRICH meat went on sale nationwide for the first time yesterday with Tesco stocking it in more than 300 stores. Spurred on by a successful supermarket chain is giving customers the chance to sam-ple this low-fat, high-protein alternative to beef.

Two other names are also

At £7.99 for two ostrich steaks and E3.99 for two burgers, it is not cheap, but Tesco believes the BSE scare and the growing market for exotic foods will encourage buyers. Announced promo-tions include:

Asda: diced turkey thigh £2.40 kg, braising steak £3.58 kg, stewing steak £3.38 kg, Jersey new potatoes 44p lb. **Budgens:** whole chicken

(2.3kg) £4.39, boneless pork chops £5.42 kg, Cathedral City mature cheddar £2.69 lb, tom-Co-op: New Zealand lamb chops £6.49 kg. whole chicken (1.8kg) £3.89. plaice £6.99 kg. thin sliced honey roast ham

£1.39 for 227g. Harrods: marinated haunch of Scotch venison £3.49 for 100g, three-bean salad 75p for 100g, frankfurter and potato salad baps £1.60 each.

Iceland: southern fried chicken £2.59 for 794g, mushroom and garlic-filled chicken £1.49 for two, lemon chicken £2.29 for 160g, crunchy fish sticks

£1.49 for 24, breaded cod fillets £1.99 for 600g.

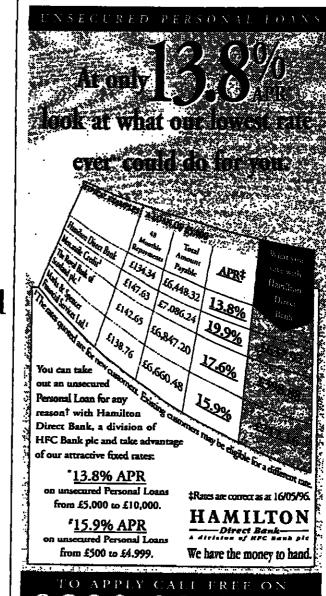
Marks & Spencer: New Zealand lamb leg knuckle £4.99 kg, two Caledonian salmon fillets (283g) £3.99, four Sweet-

heart tomatoes E1.19. Morrisons: cod steaks £4.38 kg, whole salmon £4.38 kg, salmon steaks £5.04 kg, dwarf beans 59p for 200g, Golden Delicious apples 29p lb.
Safeway: frying steak £6.39 a
kg, super chicken (2.27kg) £4.99, honey roast turkey 99p

for 4lb, Lincolnshire pork sausages £1.19 lb, green pep-pers 84p lb, broccoli 59p lb. Sainsbury's: salmon steaks £7.50 kg, honey roast wafer thin ham £1.59 for 400g English matured cheddar E3.85 kg, red peppers £1.29 lb. Somerfield: pork loin chops £3.65 kg, salmon steaks £7.27 kg, fillet steak £16.05 kg. Ohorn mince £1.39 for 350g. prawn coleslaw 72p for 250g. Tesco: turkey steaks £5.95 kg. topside of beef £4.99 kg, salmon joints £2.95 lb, aspara gus £1.99 bundle, Valencia

oranges £1.89 for 1.5kg. Waitrose: prime mince 99p for 500g, British braising steak £3.99 kg, Jersey new potatoes 49p lb. baking potatoes 35p lb, sweetcorn 99p for two, chicory 79p pack, Royal Gala apples 49p lb.

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Cabinet prepares for long battle over EU beef ban

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government is preparing for a long haul involving protracted talks to get the worldwide ban on British beef

Yesterday John Major and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, emphasised the importance of negotiations rather than confrontation. The prospect of retaliation appears increasingly unlikely and ministers privately accept that it may be several months before the ban is removed from all beef products.

Mr Major and Mr Rifkind spoke optimistically of the possibility that the ban on by-products will be lifted on Monday when the EU scientific and veterinary committee reconvenes. But Mr Rifkind mentioned only the prospect of using television advertising to win over the citizens of other European countries as a way of making further progress.

Ministers are understood to have concluded that retalia-

tion such as suspending Britain's payments or obstructing EU business would be counter-productive. If there is no progress in coming weeks, then retaliation could be reconsidered but ministers say that no single measure is

guaranteed to work.

Mr Rifkind said in a BBC interview that there might be a case for advertising. "I would be very willing to consider any action that might deliver the results we want. The immediate question is whether the negotiation and dialogue is making any progress.

"Up to yesterday there was a question. As of yesterday we can be more encouraged. We have a sufficiently large number of fellow European countries who are supporting the partial lifting of the ban. We must work to a common strategy where Europe can contemplate lifting the ban as a

Mr Rifkind said the Gov-

ernment believed that Germany and one or two other countries were "behaving in a very unreasonable way". He added: "The objective is to win them over."

Mr Major said later: "We are discussing with the Commission a detailed series of proposals that we hope would encourage the Commission to support us in encouraging our European partners to lift the ban. All that can credibly be done is being done."

Tony Blair accused the Government of bungling over the slaughter scheme. He said that some farmers did not know where to take their animals, that the approved list of abattoirs kept changing and it appeared it would take up to six weeks for cold storage facilities to be operational.

Mr Major replied that everything possible was being done to speed up the slaughtering. "There is a genuine problem that is not readily



solvable and that is the fact the requirements to slaughter cattle exceeds the capacity of the industry to slaughter at the

Yesterday beef exporters threatened to sue the Government for damages unless they get more help. The Interna-

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tional Meat Trade Association (IMTA), which represents 90 meat importers and exporters. said the Government had allocated financial aid unfairly.Martin Richardson, a member of IMTA's export committee, said: "Farmers, abattoir operators and render-

ers have all been compensated or given support, but the plight of exporters has been totally ignored."

The association says it will begin proceedings if the Goverriment does not indicate a change of heart by early next

Nolan criticises ' 'interference' from Whitehall

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

accused of excessive interference in the running of thousands of public bodies by the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Lord Nolan said there was a danger of central control replacing local accountability. Local bodies needed "as much freedom of action as possible".

After a nine-month study he gave a clean bill of health to more than 4,500 local bodies, including training and enter-prise councils (TECs), colleges, universities and housing asso-ciations, which spend £16 bil-lion a year. He praised the work of nearly 70,000 voluntary board members.

The committee did not examine individual cases but found no evidence of widespread conflict of interest on the part of those on the boards TECs. In several cases TECs have awarded contracts to firms whose representatives sit on their boards.

Yesterday in a letter to John Major accompanying his sec-ond report. Lord Nolan said: Nothing in this report points to any fundamental malaise in any of the sectors which we

Yet Lord Nolan told a press conference that all of the conference that all of the bodies had complained of being overregulated by Whitehall. "We thought there was something in that. These bodies have been encouraged to operate independently and on business lines. They feel they are excessively interfered excessively interfered

In a phrase that recalled the dispute between Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Derek Lewis, the sacked head of the Prisons Agency, he said the Government should restrict its role to "setting broad policy guidelines". The Nolan committee was

set up by the Prime Minister to deal with allegations of sleaze

THE Government has been in public life and reported last year on the conduct of MPs. The new report seeks to apply the principles set out then to a range of local quangos. They include fair and open appointment systems, access to papers from board meetings of public bodies, a code of conduct and protection for those who dis-

close malpractice.

Lord Nolan said there was no conflict between his complaint of Whitehall interference and the report's call for stronger regulation of public bodies. "We want less but better and more effective regulation." he said.

The report also highlights a conflict between the Government's drive for efficiency and cost-cutting in the public sector with the need to maintain service and accountability.

Lord Nolan said he had considered recommending the payment of allowances to those sitting on voluntary quango boards but had decided to leave the bodies to decide. Members of the bodies covered by the report are appointed, not by ministers, but by the boards. He said that made it doubly important that there were proper lines of local accountability and recommended that terms of office be limited to four years.



Nolan: wants less but

Ethical watchdog has more than proved its worth

ord Nolan has become a bogy to many Tory MPs, and not just the silly tendency. They see him as personifying the threat to their outside earnings and their parliamentary careers. But they misread both the man and his proposals. It is a pity none of them heard him talk to a seminar on Wednesday organised by the Institute Contemporary British

Far from being a Trojan Horse for a sinister Labour plot to change the character of the Commons, Lord Nolan is traditional in his instincts and attitudes. He is in that highminded, and very British, tradition of upholders of high standards in public life (Radcliffe, Franks etc).

He is personally opposed to the rise of the full-time professional politician and favours, as did the committee, at least a proportion of MPs having paid interests unrelated to political work. He is also fully aware of the financial problems of MPs, especially Tories, trying to bring up families and educate children privately on a backbencher's

He believes that a re-examination of MPs' salaries, of the kind now being undertaken by the Senior Salaries Review Board, is overdue. He argues that the six-month timetable for the first report did not give the committee enough time to undertake the necessary work. But the absence of at least a recommendation in principle that MPs' salaries should be raised unbalanced the first report and, together with ambiguities in the chapter on outside interests, inresistance among

MPs.
When the Nolan inquiry was set up. John Major said it should be an workshop" and that is how it has worked. Lord Nolan believes the scale of abuse is small but that, at a time when public services are being transformed, "positive action is needed to promote and maintain ethicai standards in the conduct of public business". This was the theme of the first report a year ago on MPs, ex-ministers and appointments to quangos and of vesterday's second report on

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local public spending bodies. Nolan has established a framework of ethical standards and accountability which was barely considered when these bodies were set up. Or, as Lord Nolan put it yesterday, "there is a tension between the managementdriven and output-related approach central to many recent changes and the need for organisations providing public services to involve, respond to, and reflect the concerns of the communities which they serve". The missing link is how far such bodies should continue to be centrally, as opposed to locally, funded and controlled.

The Nolan process has been fully justified. New systems of reviewing business appointments for ex-ministers and for reviewing appointments to quangos have been set up, while the Commons has streamlined its disciplinary procedures, introduced an independent investigator of complaints and brought in new rules for disclosure of outside interests. There are teething problems which need to be sorted out, but the changes are a big improvement on the previous messy and often unfair procedures.

The Nolan committee was set up in October 1994 as a standing body with its members appointed for three years. The committee will shortly decide on its next work, probably local authorities and/or utility regulators. Together with a review next year of the responses to its reports, this will take up most of its second 18 months. Lord Nolan himself, and probably other committee members. will not want to serve beyond three years, so there is a case for cross-party talks about changing some of the membership now to prevent too big an upheaval next year. And, to clear up any doubt, the party leaders should commit themselves to maintaining the committee as a permanent ethical watchdog beyond its first

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¬ RSC goes west with base in Plymouth

By Russell Jenkins

THE Royal Shakespeare Company is to bring down the curtain at its London base for six months each year and increase its presence in the regions with a new Plymouth residency and touring

The RSC will put on its full repertoire at Plymouth's three main theatres throughout November before its truncated annual season at the capital's

Barbican Theatre.
Adrian Noble, artistic director of the RSC, said it was an historic day for the company, but admitted: "The window of opportunity to see RSC productions in London is much less than it used to be."

He said that the renewed emphasis on the regions y would mean "slightly fewer" productions in London, leading to an unspecified number of job losses and other changes. "We are looking forward to a whole new chapter in the history of the company. We were acutely aware not only of a national gain but also, to some degree. of loss, especially in London."

Mr Noble estimated that the company would stage two or three fewer productions at the Barbican each year. He emphasised, however, that this had nothing to do with declining audiences in the West End. Audiences had risen every year since he took the helm in 1991, with the exception of last year when seat occupancy fell to 73 per

The RSC pioneered winter residencies in the regions more than 20 years ago when it established a base in Newcastle upon Tyne. The North East has since become the company's recognised third home. Plymouth was one of 14 bids to attract the RSC repertoire, winning out over Cardiff and Norwich.

Chris Mavin, the chairman of Plymouth City Council's leisure services committee, said: "It makes us the cultural centre of the region and offers a tremendous opportunity both culturally and educationally."

Grahame Long, of South West Arts, said: This is a

RAF mother wins £10,000 for being split from baby

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

AN RAF servicewoman who was separated from her fourmonth-old baby and posted to a base 300 miles away when she returned from maternity leave was awarded £10,000 compensation yesterday.

An industrial tribunal heard that Caroline Vine, 27, pleaded to remain at RAF Coltishall, in Norfolk, where she and her husband were serving, but was told she must put her job before her baby and was sent to live in single women's accommodation at RAF St Athan, near Cardiff. She had to leave Marcus,

now 15 months, to be cared for by her husband Saul, 28, and a nanny. She experienced such stress and slept so badly that an RAF psychiatrist diagnosed her as suffering from separation anxiety. She claimed sexual discrimination after leaving the service in October last year.

Her victory has opened the possibility of a new round of compensation claims against the Ministry of Defence. It has already paid out more than £50 million to servicewomen who were sacked after becoming pregnant, in breach of European sex discrimination legislation.

All servicewomen who have babies are entitled to return to their jobs after maternity leave, but under RAF rules they can be given a new posting at any time. Andrew Proctor, Mrs Vine's solicitor. said: "This will have implications for other women in the Armed Forces who have also been discriminated against. The only hope is that now the RAF will bow to pressure and

drop its outdated policy." Mrs Vine, who was an electrical engineer servicing Jaguar aircraft, told her superiors that she was pregnant in 1994. During 7½ months of maternity leave and holiday, she was placed, for adminis-



The base in Norfolk where Mrs Vine worked

trative purposes, in a category referred to as the non-effective posting group.

She said yesterday: "This group includes personnel serving a prison sentence, those who have gone absent without leave and others who are ill. When I returned to work. I was treated as the lowest priority."

Mr Proctor said that although all RAF personnel knew they could be posted,

there for only 18 months when she was offered St Athan or Lossiemouth, in Grampian even further away.

She was able to make the five-hour car journey between St Athan and Coltishall only at weekends, and said that she lost her maternal bonding with her son. "Whenever tried to pick him up, he cried and only stopped crying when my husband took him. I can't tell you how upsetting that was," she said.

After a month at St Athan, she was put on sick leave and returned to Coltishall when it was confirmed that she was suffering from separation anxiety. Her welfare officer at St Athan tried earlier to get her relocated to Coltishall on compassionate grounds. "But I didn't qualify," Mrs Vine

Mrs Vine, who now works as a civil servant near Coltishall, told the tribunal in Norwich: "The pressure on me brought about by the separation was unbearable and I decided, with immense sadness, reluctance and anger, that I would have to apply for early voluntary release. Had I known that I would have to move away from my home and family I would not have

Waterfield, from the RAF Percy they are told that they could sonnel Management Centre in be posted." Christopher Ash, chairman Gloucester, told the tribunal that recruits knew they could of the tribunal panel, said: be moved from base to base.

"We are quite satisfied that if Mrs Vine had not been a woman and had not become pregnant, she would not have been posted. We hope the RAF will at least consider its procedures and take steps to ensure

maternity leave are not transferred as a matter of administrative convenience."

The RAF told the tribunal that only 65 per cent of women returning from maternity leave went back to their original bases. A spokesman for the MoD said: "We are taking legal advice on the implications of the decision, including

Teenager denies killing head

A boy aged 15, accused of murdering the headmaster Philip Lawrence in northwest London last December, ap-peared briefly at the Old Bailey yesterday to deny the

charge. The boy and a 15-year-old conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a schoolboy. The case has been set to begin in September.

Tonypandy better

The former Speaker, Visrecovering at his home in Cardiff after leaving St Thomas's Hospital in London, where he was treated for pneumonia. "I'm feeling much better and I am making progress," he said.

Judge halts trial

The trial at Manchester Crown Court of a vicar and his churchwarden for alleged theft was halted after Judge Humphries heard legal argument. He ordered a new trial in September of the Rev Steohen Ashton and Cameron Luke, who deny the charges.

Spanish honour

The historian Sir John Elliott has won this year's Prince of Asturias prize for social sciences, one of Spain's most prestigious awards. The for-mer Oxford professor was praised in particular for dismantling the stereotypes and cliches of Spanish history.

Bomber returns

Britain's last flying Lancaster bomber is back in service after an overhaul. The City of Lincoln, based at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, has been fitted with a new main spar - never attempted on the Lancaster — and is ready for the display season.

Global account

The total amount of cash in circulation worldwide is £1,500 billion, or £273 for each person, according to the science magazine Focus, which made the calculation in response to a reader's



Saul and Caroline Vine with Marcus. Mrs Vine said she lost her bond with him

take priority over personal needs," he said. become pregnant." She had to pay £350 for leaving the RAF three years Flight Lieutenant William Mrs Vine had expected to be at Coltishall for four or five before the end of her 12-year Craddock, deputy chief clerk at RAF Coltishall, said: "When years, which was the normal females declare their pregnan-

Bureaucrats relent over 'inseparable' nursing home couple

Bill and May Hill have been together for 71 years

AN ELDERLY couple who were to be separated by bureaucracy after 71 years together have were given a reprieve yesterday. After a public outery, social services chiefs ordered that Bill and May Hill should be allowed to

The couple, both aged 85, were childhood sweethearts and have been inseparable since they were 14. But under strict spending guidelines. Mrs Hill would have had to fied for council funding for his place at the £2,000-a-month private nursing home, his wife did not.

"The needs of the RAF must

The Hills moved into The Heathers, in Peterborough, five months ago and spent their meagre savings on providing care for themselves. When their money began to run out, the council carried out fitness tests and deemed that only Mr Hill, a retired railwayman, was ill enough to qualify for help.

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Council, said: "The couple will not be split up. We understand that Mrs Hill's condition has deteriorated since she was assessed several months ago and we are currently carrying out a further assessment."

She added: "Social services departments across the country daily face the dilemma of providing services for couples where the needs of husbands and wives are not the same. We try to ensure wherever possible that care services are provided in such a way as to a spokeswoman for avoid couples being split up."

be parted. We have to look more carefully at how longterm care is evaluated, assessed and paid for." Staff at The Heathers were delighted for the Hills. "We've been told the good news and

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appalling, welcomed the re-

versal. Margaret McLellan, a

spokeswoman, said: "It's good

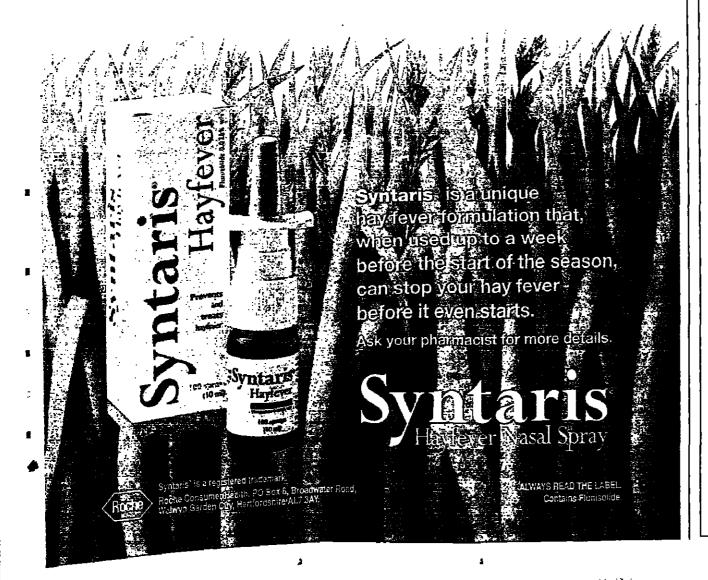
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The result is a destructive a victous circle, the consultants y

say. A trust takes on more

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Christopher Adams, a con-

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are churning patients out. These rules must be changed."

head of the neurosurgery unit at the Radcliffe Infirmary in

protest at his department's

dropping standards, said such

difficulties were putting pa-

tients' lives in danger.
Two orthopaedic consultants, Charles Court-Brown,

from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and Tim Bunker,

of the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital in Exeter.

voiced similar concerns in the

British Medical Journal

yesterday.

James Johnson, chairman

of the BMA's consultants' committee, said the NHS was

approaching meltdown. "Ev-

erybody in the country knows that on average the pound in your pocket probably buys you 3 per cent less a year than

it did before. But the Alice in

Wonderland world of the

NHS says that the pound in

your pocket buys you 3 per

cent more. This is bunk."

Mr Adams, who resigned as

Scientists call for one-third cut in salt consumption

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

BRITONS are eating too much salt but the food industry and the Government are refusing to act to protect their

health, experts say. Many processed foods contain as much salt as seawater. The amount in the average British diet is one of the main causes of high blood pressure and must be reduced from 9 grams a day to 6g, they say.

Findings from a study of people in 32 countries shows that a salty diet accelerates the rise in blood pressure that occurs naturally with age. High blood pressure is the main cause of strokes and a cause of heart attacks.

The results, from the Intersalt study, strengthen findings published in 1988, and scientists say the evidence implicating salt is "overwhelming".

However, the US Salt Institute, the trade organisation of salt producers in America, says the data and analysis are flawed. It says the findings show "no significant relation between ... salt excretion and the rate of increase in blood

pressure with age".
In a series of articles in the British Medical Journal, scientists criticise these claims and accuse the British Government and the salt industry of failing to protect the public. Consumers cannot achieve the recommended one-third reduction in consumption on their own because 80 per cent of salt consumed is hidden in pro-

cessed foods. Malcolm Law, of

DANGER HIDDEN IN PROCESSED FOOD

Six grams of salt, the recommended maximum daily amount, is less than a heaped teaspoonful. Two rounds of Marks & Spencer ham and cheese sandwiches would ex-

cred the limit. Eighty per cent of our salt intake is hidden in processed foods. A survey by the Food Commission showed the high levels of salt in supermarket and take

away foods: someone on a diet of bacon, crisps, olives and

Marmite would exceed the daily salt limit by many times.

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This can lead to confusion over food label information.

the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, in London, accused the Salt Institute of confusing doctors and the public over the issue. "Excess dietary salt is a serious public health hazard. A rise in blood pressure is not an inevitable consequence of ageing."

Professor Graham Mac-Gregor, head of cardiovascular medicine at St George's Hospital Medical School, south London, says the UK Salt Manufacturers Association and parts of the food industry "have conducted a sustained and largely successful campaign" to discredit research linking salt and blood pressure. Professor MacGregor, who heads a group seeking consensus with industry on reducing salt levels, adds: "Many salt addicts may not realise that many of the processed foods they consume contain a salt concentration

of seawater. The British Government, at least in relation to salt, seems to have dissociated itself from its social responsibility for the welfare of its citizens."

approaching or equal to that

In 1994, a report on heart disease commissioned by the Government recommended the reduction of one third in the average salt intake. However, Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, while endorsing the report's other recommendations, cast doubt on the evidence linking salt and blood pressure and emphasised that it was not gov-



Dr Jean Smellie saw Fredericka Arghebant too late to prevent serious scarring of the kidneys as a baby

Specialist urges simple test on sick children to prevent permanent damage to kidneys

CHILDREN with kidney infections are being misdiagnosed and left with permanently scarred organs and the threat of renal failure in adult life, a specialist said yesterday. One in 20 girls and one in 50 boys will have a urinary tract infection by the time they leave school, but doctors often fail to make the necessary tests.

In more than a third of cases the problem is caused by a leaky valve in the bladder causing a backflow to the kidney. The condition, called a reflux. triggers inflammation which leads to scarring and permanent damage to the kidney. More than a third of adults needing kidney transplants or dialysis in western Europe have scarred kidneys

Dr Jean Smellie, emeritus consultant

at University College Hospital, London. who has studied kidney problems in children for 30 years, said any child with a fever lasting more than 24 hours should have a urine test to check for the presence

Launching a campaign by the National Kidney Research Fund, which has supported her work. Dr Smellie said: Taking a urine sample should be part of the examination of a sick child. In young children these infections are often missed because they don't produce the symptoms you expect. They may have a fever. tummy ache, sickness or diarrhoea."

Many doctors were reluctant to investi-gate the cause of the infection, involving X-rays of the kidneys and the introduction of a radio-opaque dye, because they did not wish to expose children to radiation. But when reflux was the cause, treatment was urgent. "Even a minor not started quickly." Dr Smellie said.

Fredericka Arghebant, aged eight, suffered ten urinary tract infections in her first year. Each time she was treated with high doses of antibiotics and got better only to succumb again when the drugs were stopped.

She was eventually seen by Dr Smellie, who diagnosed reflux and found that both her kidneys were badly scarred. Her mother, Amanda. 33, said: "Now she will have to have annual checks for the rest of her life. I feel angry because she could have been saved the kidney damage. The condition is so easy to treat with medicine

leak of the valve allows infected urine in the bladder to reach the kidney, setting up an infection which can be followed by permanent scarring if effective treatment

patients spend in hospital. sultant neurosurgeon in Oxford who first drew attention to the danger last December, said at a news conference organised by the British Medical Association yesterday: "It

Lambing season may

thina and

Why pregnant shepherdesses should give lambing time a wide berth

all that Marie Antoinette believed it to be, particularly if the shepherdess is pregnant at lambing time. However, recent research has shown that the illness caught from sheep which leads to miscarriage, or death of the baby in utero, can be counteracted by speedy diagnosis and immediate treatment with the appropriate antibiotics.

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The cause of the trouble in sheep, and in the women looking after them, is a and budgerigars. It has been

LIFE as a shepherdess is not chlamydial infection. There are many types of chlamydia, one of which is the most common cause of pelvic inflammatory disease in women and accounts for much of the infertility secondary to blocked Fallopian tubes.

Another variety of chlamydia has severely depleted the koala bear population of Australia and yet another type of the organism causes psittacosis, the unpleasant form of pneumonia spread by parrots



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

known that a comparatively frequent cause of abortion in sheep was the same organism. Chlamydia psittaci, and warnings were issued by the

Ministry of Health, and reinforced on The Archers, that pregnant women should avoid helping with lambing and stay well away if there was any question that their ewes when she developed a dry might be suffering from ovine chlamydiosis.

Chlamydia psittaci must occasionally also be caught by men and be a cause of unexplained pneumonia in shepherds, but the greater danger is to pregnant women. The British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has recently reported on a case in which a pregnant shepherdess was given antibiotics — a fortnight of erythromycin — at the eleventh week of pregnancy

cough and severe headaches. Blood tests confirmed her doctor's diagnosis of a chlamydial infection and the baby was healthy when delivered at the normal time. Any pregnant woman who

has been in contact with sheep, and develops a dry cough and feverish illness. needs an immediate blood test to exclude chlamydia. If positive, they should be treated with at least a fortnight's



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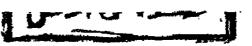
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Kidnappings undermine Papua gold-diggers

6 The tribes complain that mining

pollution affects a unique local

geographic phenomenon: a glacier 🤊

THE Indonesian special forces deft rescue of four British hostages from the hands of Papuan guerrillas is a victory for both sides.

Indonesia has been able to overcome some of its negative international image with a restrained military operation, but the hostages' endorsement of their captors' view of how Jakarta is destroying their prehistoric inheritance is precisely what the Free Papua Movement (OPM) had hoped

The Papuans have been forced out of their mountain homes through the activities of a larger-than-life American, Jim-Bob Moffett, chairman of the parent company. Freeport McMoRan of New Orleans, which is part British-owned. It operates one of the world's largest copper and gold mines in the mountains of Irian Jaya on ancestral lands that the Papuans have inhabited for thousands of years.

The mine is 7.000ft up in the mountains that form the spine of the island which Irian Jaya shares with Papua New Guinea. Using huge mechanical shovels the firm has gouged away the mountain top. The one billion tonnes of copper and gold ore being harvested from the mountain constitutes the second richest seam of such material in the world, earning huge profits for Freeport/RTZ.

Mr Moffett, who declares he is in a "new Cold War" with

his critics in non-governmen-

tal organisations, says of

Freeport/RTZ: "This is not a

job for us, it's a religion. The

NGO situation is something

we're going to have to deal

with." He and his workers live

in what is virtually an extra-

territorial stretch of the United

States enjoying the close pro-

tection of the Indonesian mili-

tary, which often uses the

company's aircraft.

The local tribes complain that, as well as being driven off their lands, the mining operations cause pollution through the run-off from the mine and are changing the climate, affecting a unique local geographic phenomenon: a glacier. They say there is a virtual system of apartheid in operation which excludes them from work at the

mine and in which the Indone-

sian Government is resettling

thousands of families from

other parts of the archipelago.

pollution charge has been to

set up a laboratory dedicated

to the maintenance and regen-

eration of the local environ-

ment. The scale of pollution

caused by the mine, he claims.

"is equivalent to me pissing in

the Arafura Sea". Students

Mr Moffett's response to the

and academics back home are less impressed and the University of Austin, Texas, and the Catholic Loyola University in New Orleans have both been critical of the company, resulting in threats of legal action. The British hostages, mem-

bers of the Lorentz 95 expedifrom Cambridge University, were there to work with the local tribes in learning how they have lived with and exploited nature, without doing it serious damage, over the centuries.

The OPM has its roots in the annexation of the territory by the Indonesians in 1963. At that time the Irianese wanted to ally themselves with neighbouring Papua New Guinea, but the so-called "Act of Free Choice" was anything but and Jakarta took over the territory against the people's wishes.

The OPM claims that 43,000 Papuans have lost their lives in clashes with the Government since 1977. The Papuans claim that 2,000 Indonesian soldiers have been killed in the battle for tribal



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British hostages Daniel Start, left, and William Oates relax on the Indonesian Air Force jet during its flight to Jakarta yesterday after they were plucked to safety from a rebel camp during a seven-hour battle in the jungle



Barchevsky: agreed to disagree with China

China and **US** fire shots in trade war

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

MERICA and China have dragged their economic cannons to the front line in a multibillion-dollar trade war, but after an exchange of verbal blasts are expected, as usual, to resume normal

The feeble agreement last week on China's sale of nuclear components points the way to an equally empty deal on protection of intellectual property. After months of negotiations, the formidable women who represent the two sides — Wu Yi, China's Minis-ter of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation, and Charlene Barshevsky, Acting US Trade Representative agreed to disagree in Peking on Wednesday. Within min-utes, each side had tabled its threatened sanctions.

Each package amounts to about \$2 billion (£1.2 billion). Washington is threatening punishment for what it claims is Peking's failure to honour last year's agreement to shut more than 30 factories churn-ing out pirated CDs, computer software, and video and laser

The US list includes textiles. largely made in southern China where Hong Kong manufacturers own many of the factories, coffee machines and telephones, jewellery, medical gloves and sporting goods.

Winston Lord, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, said in Tokyo yesterday that if Washington had retreated, domestic agitation to withdraw China's most favoured nation trading status would have risen, and Peking would have lost respect for the US. Peking is retaliating for US. Peking is retaliating for what it alleges is unfair US pressure. A spokesman said China "has done a better job than any other country" in protecting intellectual rights.

China's sanctions list imposes 100 per cent tariffs on US grain and many other

US grain and many other products. Peking also threatens to suspend planned US enterprises, including the manufacture of cars.

Diary tells of family starvation in Tokyo

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

THE diary of an elderly woman who starved to death with her bedridden son in the heart of Tokyo has prompted criticism of the flawed welfare system in one of the world's most affluent societies.

The 77-year-old woman and her invalid son, 41, whose names have not been released, had been dead for nearly a month when police discovered their bodies on April 27. Police found no food apart from some tea leaves in the tiny flat - a stone's throw from a glittering shopping complex called the Sunshine Building — and no money

except for 28 yen (40p). They found a notepad, however, with a harrowing account of the pair's final weeks, excerpts of which were obtained by the Asahi Shimbun newspaper. In the first entry. dated January 1, 1996, the mother wrote: "We are grateful for being able to greet the new year. We can't pay the rent for February and we have no money to live on. We spend every day worrying about what will become of us. I am worried that the gas and electricity will soon be cut off.

"January II, 1996: I haven't taken a bath for ten years, my son for 15 years. I haven't done any laundry for seven or eight years. "March 8, 1996: For a long

time my son and I have been living on pieces of biscuit. We are about to run out of food."

The last entry reads:
"March Il. 1996: We finally ran out of food this morning. From tomorrow we will have nothing to put in our mouths. I wonder if we will be able to keep on drinking tea each day ... I am worried my child may die before me. Please let

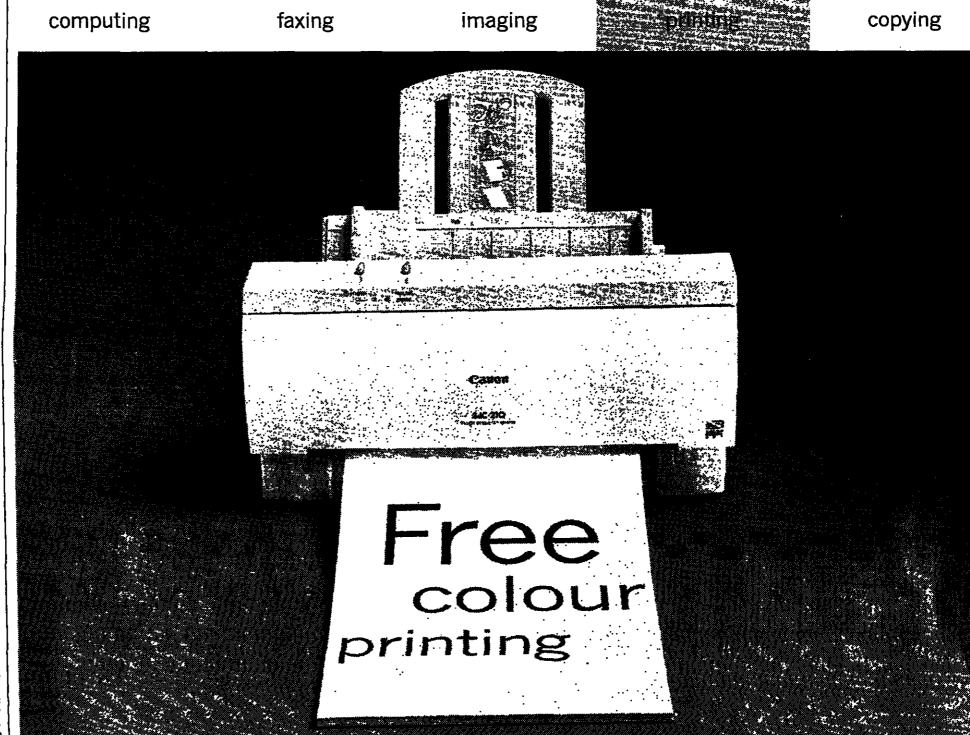
us die together."
Police said the woman, who was widowed four years ago. lived on a state pension of 100,000 yen (£625) a month, out of which she paid 85,000

yen (£531) in rent.
Welfare authorities say the
pair would have qualified for benefits, but the mother feared they would have to move into cheaper accommodation as required by the stringent rules governing welfare payments. "I would rath-

er die free," she wrote. Ownership of a car by a recipient is rarely allowed, and some authorities insist that beneficiaries get rid of their television sets. Inspec-tions are carried out to ensure that a recipient is not consum-

ing beer or other alcohol, or otherwise enjoying life.

"Japan is completely underdeveloped as far as welfare is concerned," said Ryu Otomo, a political analyst. "This is our dark little secret."



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Yeltsin to end call-up in bid for youth vote

By THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Yeltsin played an electoral ace yesterday by promising to abolish conscription in the Russian Army by 2000 and announcing that, with immediate effect, only volunteers would be sent to serve in Chechenia.

The move was a deliberate attempt to woo the youth vote in the run-up to the presidential election on June 16. He said soldiers serving in "conflict areas" would do so only on contract and on a voluntary basis, saving at a stroke thousands of young people from serving in Chechenia and Tajikistan.

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In another nod to the middle-class electorate, Mr Yeltsin also signed a decree phasing out capital punishment in line with Russia's admission to the Council of Europe.

All three decrees were part of an increasingly dynamic strategy to be all things to all parts of the electorate. Mr Yeltsin has already appealed to traditional left-wing voters by signing a treaty of economic integration between Russia and Belorussia and promising

to pay workers overdue wages. Gennadi Zyuganov, his main challenger, by contrast, is fenced in by his narrow ideological commitments as head of the Communist Party.

The decrees, however, seemed more about political theatre than reality. The Yeltsin Government has supposedly been pursuing a strategy of switching from conscript to contract armed forces for several years. Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, announced a three-stage programme: a period of stocktaking until the end of 1994, then modernisation of the armed forces, developing into a predominantly volunteer force, with recruits signing up for three or more years.

This programme, however, has run into the ground. There has been little modernisation, the restructuring of the airborne and rapid deployment forces has been slow and piecemeal, and the number of contract troops is believed to be dropping, not increasing.

Dr Mark Galeotti, a Rus-

sian military expert, said Mr Yeltsin would not be able to afford a professional army. The main aim of the decrees, he said, was to woo Russian mothers with teenage sons who feared they would be conscripted to serve in Chechenia, where there are about 40,000 troops, mainly Interior Ministry forces.

Although previous promises not to send conscripts as peacekeepers to places such as Moldavia have been broken. Mr Yeltsin has clearly decided it is vital to mobilise the youth vote. An opinion poll this week found only 29 per cent of Russian 18 to 24-year-olds intended to vote for Mr Yeltsin, while 8 per cent would vote for Mr Zyuganov; the vast majority were undecided.

Hatred of military service is the one issue that unites all youth and conscription rates in some towns are as low as 20 per cent. Many teenagers slash their wrists, drink poison or feign schizophrenia to avoid the army. To starvation rations and routine bullying has been added the prospect of

becoming, in the Russian phrase, "cannon meat" in Chechenia. The slaughter of a division of conscripts from the city of Samara on New Year's Eve 1994 in Grozny, the Chechen capital, caused widespread anger and dented Mr Yeltsin's popularity at the time

Mr Zyuganov will be hardpressed to respond to the policy initiatives. He was one of the sponsors of a law in the Duma last year that prolonged military service from 18 months to two years, and his older, old-fashioned electorate will not look so kindly on the end of conscription.

The Russian armed forces are supposed to be about 1.5 million strong, but the figure is probably closer to one million, three-quarters of whom are in the army, although the General Staff is continually lobbying the President to increase numbers. About half the soldiers fighting in Chechenia are on contract and earning salaries of £500 a month, high by Russian standards.



A Yeltsin poster goes up in Moscow yesterday as the presidential election campaign gets into full swing

Orthodox Church backs President's return to power

By Thomas de Waal

THE head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Aleksi II, has become the latest public figure to endorse Boris Yeltsin's re-election bid as all the power of the state machine is mobilised in his favour.

On a visit to the Urals city of Perm. reported in the newspaper Segodnya yesterday, the patriarch said he had instructed church parishes round the country to tell their congregations to "take part in the elections and support those in power".

The patriarch, who has

good relations with Mr Yeltsin, similar to the old links between the church and Tsar, said a Communist victory would be a disaster for the church. We have to explain what the church had to live through under the Soviet regime and what religious freedom it enjoys now." An attempt earlier this week by Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and main challenger to Mr card, flopped. He visited one of Russia's most famous monasteries at Diveyevo but was

failed to kiss a holy relic. Endorsement from on high is only one sign among many

rebuked by the abbot and

looked embarrassed when he

that things are moving in Mr Yeltsin's favour. Even more critically, one month before the first round of the elections on June 16, more and more election watchers are saying that he is planning to win anyway, by fair means or foul.

anyway, by fair means or foul.

"I believe that Yeltsin will remain in his office either by the results of honest elections or by falsification of the elections or without any elections," Nikolai Petrov, a political analyst with the Carnegie Endowment in Moscow, said last night. "But in any case Yeltsin will remain in place."

The President's advantage is particularly evident in the media, where he now effectively controls all six main Russian television channels the essential propaganda weapon in a country of 11 time zones. The other ten candidates on the ballot for June 16 finally gained a small foothold on the airwaves this week with the allocation of free ten-minute slots on radio and television.

In his first outing on air Mr Zyuganov was shown in an unprofessional clip discussing his beliefs on a park bench with a woman journalist. "Lies have become the main method for the current authorities' existence," a rattled Mr Zyuganov said.

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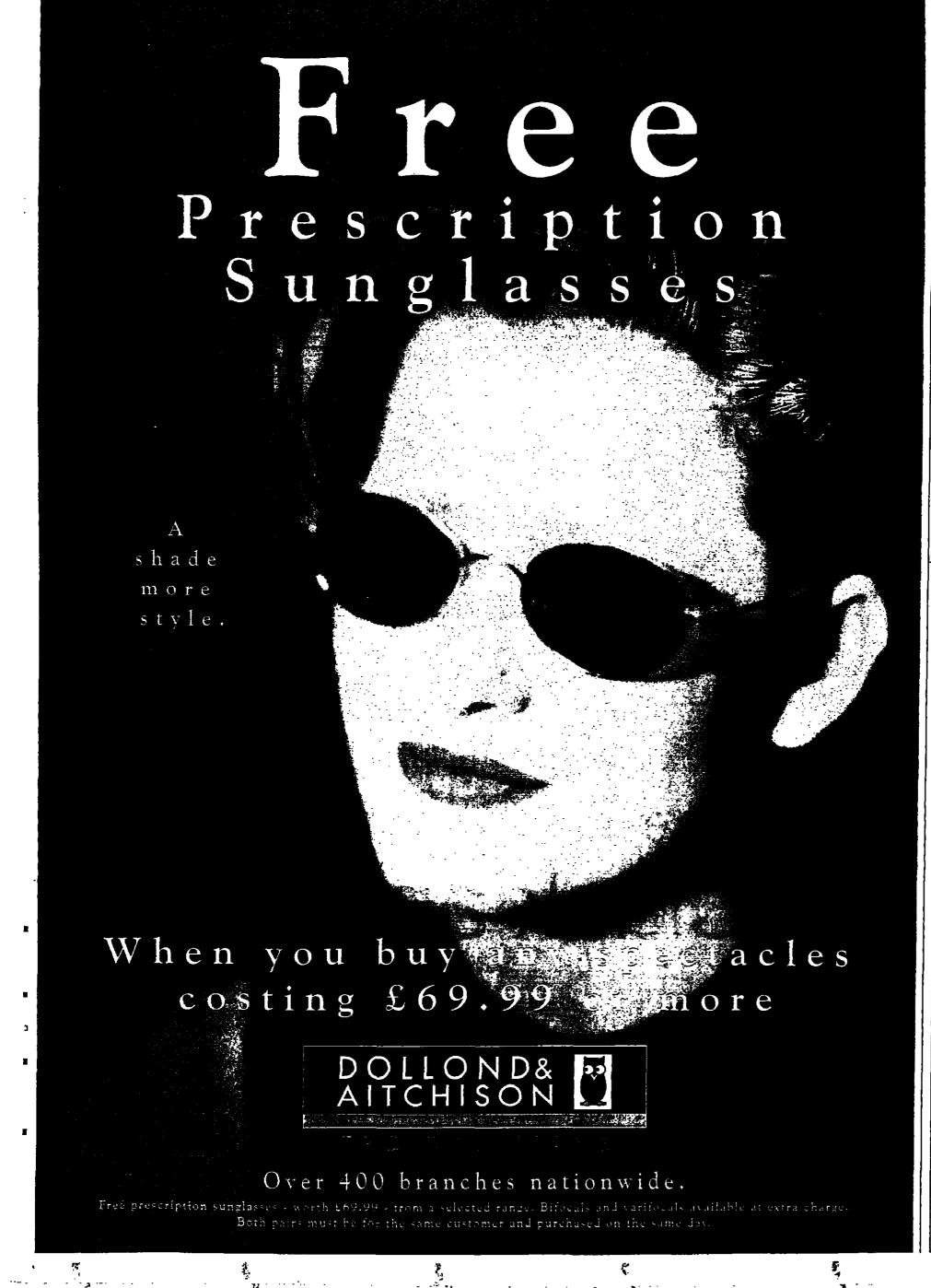






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Pretoria campus

Pretoria: Black and white students, throwing rocks and wielding clubs, clashed yesterday at a Pretoria college in a second day of racial violence

race clash

(Inigo Gilmore writes). Police fired rubber bullets and teargas to break up battles on the campus that put seven black students in hospital. The whites attacked after chants of "Kill the Boer" by black students.

Award is a first for Hopkins

Los Angeles: Sir Anthony Hopkins has become the first non-American to win the prestigious Spencer Tracy Award (Giles Whittell writes). He received the honour at the University of California in Los Angeles in recognition of an acting career spanning 30

Poll ends rule by strongman

Miami: The Dominican Republic voted as Joaquín Balaguer, 89, quit after ruling autocratically for 22 of the past 30 years (David Adams writes). The favourite is one of the blind Senor Balaguer's chief rivals, José Francisco Peña Gómez, of the Dominican Revolutionary Party.

Tutsis killed in Zaire church

Kigali: Hutus with assault rifles and machetes hunted down hundreds of Tutsis who had sought refuge in a Zairean church, and slaughtered at least a dozen of them, a United Nations official said. About 130 other Zairean Tutsis who had been hiding in the church were reported missing. (AP)

Wishing well

Tarnogsky Gorodok, Russia: Drunks, some sent by their desperate wives, are flocking to a spring in this village in northwestern Russia's Vologda region because the water is allegedly make some drinkers

Wife advised Dole he had to take campaign gamble

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

A WIFE has once again changed the entire nature of this year's American presidential election. Just as Alma Powell dissuaded her husband Colin from running last November, so Elizabeth Dole was the prime mover behind her husband Bob's desperate bid to save his presidential campaign on Wednesday by leaving the Senate. Mrs Dole served in both the

Bush and Reagan Cabinets and is a formidable political operator. She readily raises matters with her husband when she believes they are going wrong. Together they hatched the biggest gamble of Mr Dole's 45 years in politics over Easter at their Florida condominium, and then managed the almost impossible feat in Washington of keeping it secret until this week.

"Mrs Dole is his number one adviser and best friend and she was 100 per cent supportive," said Scott Reed, Mr Dole's campaign manager and the only other person privy to the decision besides Haley Barbour, the chairman of the Republican Party.

Initial reaction to the move was overwhelmingly favourable. A snap CBS poll showed 60 per cent support for Mr Dole's decision to devote all his time and energy to his presidential bid. Editorials praised his uncharacteristic boldness, saying he had earned a second look. Republicans, previously in despair, marvelled at the cleanness of his break from an unpopular paralysed Congress.

"He's unshackled. The leg irons are off. We've snatched the hood from the falcon," said Alan Simpson, a Wyoming senator. To symbolise that break, Mr Dole yesterday flew to Chicago to launch a 17-city tour, and for the first time in months his press plane was packed. He now plans to spend three or four days a week travelling, including two three-day swings through California, a state President Clinton must win and believed he

The big question is whether Mr Dole, having so dramatically grabbed the nation's

had locked up.

Lott on verge of Senate job

Washington: A well-oiled campaign to nominate Trent Lott, the Republican majority whip from Missis-sippi who is Bob Dole's deputy in the Senate, as the new majority leader, moved into overdrive yesterday (Tom Rhodes writes). Several observers said he was already within reach of claiming a majority of the 53-strong Republi-

"I don't think it's cut and dried," said Phil Gramm. the Texas senator, "but I think it's cut." The departure of Mr Dole as majority leader is expected, at least in the short term, to ease the partisan logjam in

attention, can hold it. He suffers from two enormous handicaps: one is his desperare shortage of money, the other his weeful lack of

campaigning skills.

Mr Dole has already spent at least \$36 million (£23.8 million) of the \$37 million federal rules permit before his formal nomination at the Republicans' mid-August convention. The White House contends he is down to his last \$225,000, and he unquestionably has less than any previ-ous presidential nominee at this stage.

He has cut his campaign staff from 230 to 67, transferring many to the party's payroll. As Senate leader he at least enjoyed limitless free publicity. By contrast Mr Clinton has \$20 million to spend by August and a staff of 120.

Mr Dole can survive only by bending the rules to their limits. The Republican Party vesterday announced a \$20 million advertising campaign that will attack Mr Clinton but cannot explicitly promote Mr

Mr Dole, a self-professed "doer, not talker", will now try to be the opposite. Aides predict a dramatic improvement in his uninspiring campaign speeches. They say that, for the first time, he will be able to prepare properly and replace legislative jargon with plain talk. He has agreed to follow texts, employ a speech coach and use a

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Bishop Righter and his wife Nancy after an Episcopal Church court held that he need not face heresy charges

US bishop cleared over gay ordination

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A RETIRED Episcopal (Anglican) bishop in America, who faced charges of heresy for knowingly ordaining a homosexual, has been cleared of violating "core doctrines".

The Rt Rev Walter Righter, former Bishop of Iowa, appeared before an ecclesiastical court in Delaware. Wednesday's ruling came after more tions by eight fellow bishops and paves the way for the ordination of openly gay men in the Episcopal Church.

Had the decision gone against him, Bishop Righter would have been tried for heresy, marking only the second time that such a charge would have been laid in the 206-year history of the church of 24 million members.

Bishop Righter was aware that a 1990 ordinand, Barry Stopfel, was a homosexual

and proceeded with the ordi-nation despite a 1979 resolution by the church's house of bishops that such ordinations were "not appropriate".

The court ruled that "there is no core doctrine prohibiting the ordination of a non-celibate, homosexual person living in a faithful and committed sexual relationship with a person of the same sex". The verdict may lead to a formal debate about homosexual ordination at the church's next

general convention (synod). Bishop Righter, himself happily married, is an ally of the controversial Bishop John Spong of Newark, New Jersey. who has often spoken in

support of gay Christians. The Stopfel ordination was partly undertaken as a test case, and Bishop Righter faced his grave charge philosophically. "I hope the general convention will now have a chance to talk this through, he said after the verdict.

British paratroopers hurt in US exercise

By Peter Almond

FORTY-ONE British troops were injured yesterday, one seriously, in the largest allied mass parachute drop since Operation Market Garden over The

Netherlands in 1944. of the highlights of Exercise Purple Star. the largest Anglo-American air-land exercise for 50 years. Thirty-eight American

troops were also hurt in the night drop, a flatter landing ground accounting for their proportionately lighter casualties. Most of the injuries were broken bones. The seriously injured British soldier had

a shattered pelvis. Military officials were delighted with The drop involved 1,700 British troops 'the outcome because statistically they and nearly 4,000 Americans over Fort had expected more casualties - 4 per night from 850ft, are among the most

dangerous military activities. However, the death of 14 American

Marines in a collision between two helicopters earlier in the exercise prompted extra caution for other parts of the air landing. One of the largest helicopterborne assaults in history, involving 1,000 British and American Marines in a snaking line of 60 helicopters. was

postponed by darkness and bad weather. Operation Big Drop III — the invasion climaxed nearly a month of field training on military installations along the Atlantic coast. The exercise ends on Sunday.

Butler shares heiress's fortune

AFTER 30 months of legal bickering, the will of Doris Duke, the tobacco heiress, has been accepted for probate (Quentin Lens in New York writes).

The settlement makes a millionaire of her illiterate butler and clears \$1.2 billion (£794,000) to be used for the intended. A New York court reluctantly agreed to a settlement concocted by lawyers Duke died in October 1993,

representing the butler, Bernard Lafferty, and various charities which stood to benefit.

Mr Lafferty, who looked after the ailing Duke in her final years, gets a \$4.5 million lump sum, plus \$500,000 a year for as long as he manages to live.

gance and alcohol-tinged profligacy after the octogenarian naming him as an executor of her will. Friends of Duke accused him of worming his way into her affections, wasting her money, and even plotting to kill her by administering sleeping pills.

The ponytailed Mr Lafferty. 49, has agreed to step down as a trustee of the newly estabwhich will help environmental, educational and animal

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Hindu party militants savour taste of power

ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE ter yesterday, perhaps for the shortest taste of power in Indian history.

A sea of saffron flags, symbols of Hindu militancy, greeted his victory as he acknowledged the cheering crowds. It was a seminal moment for a country rooted in secularism and religious tolerance and now led by a party that cherishes neither.

Mr Vajpayee is not an extremist, but many of those around him are. Yesterday he appointed as one of his minis-ters a member of Shiv Sena. the militant Bombay political organisation which grew out of a band of strike-breaking hired thugs and is still quasimilitary in character. It has an army of men at its disposal called Sainiks, whose ways are familiar to Muslims who have suffered their atrocities.

The Bharatiya Janata Partyled Government must test its strength in a vote of confi-dence in the Lok Sabha (lower house) by May 31 and its rivals have pledged to topple it. They

ought to be capable of doing so, but in the murky, bribeprone world of Indian politics the improbable could happen. Already some of the region-al parties that were hostile to

the BJP are wavering under pressure from businessmen attracted by the party's policies of selective imports to protect home-produced goods. Mr Vajpayee will tempt re-gional parties with promises of devolution and a watering down of the Hindutva (Hinduness) philosophy that underpins the BJP's character.

However, Mr Vajpayee is not moving to the Prime Minister's residence on Race Course Road immediately, in case he has to move out again. Last night he promised "clean, sensitive and honest" government and said he would survive the confidence vote He was asked by President Sharma to form the administration because he was leader of the biggest parliamentary party. The Congress Party and the so-called Third Force, a



vinced that they can oust him. Their alliance is tenuous, however, bonded only by the shared dislike of the BJP. While seeking to present a moderate face. Mr Vajpayee will also need to pander to hardliners in his ranks: he immediately did so by pledging to build a Hindu temple on

That would be a further insult to Muslims, for whom the demolition represented the greatest single religious atrocsince independence.

Pakistan has made clear its anxiety that a party with such a record runs the country with the largest concentration of Muslims, more than 130 million, after Indonesia.

said yesterday that the United States was prepared to work with the BJP-led Government. The BJP's exploitation of

Hinduism, never before hijacked for political purposes. was largely the work of L. K. Advani, the party president and real power in the party. He toned down his anti-Muslim rhetoric during and before the election campaign but his hardline sentiments

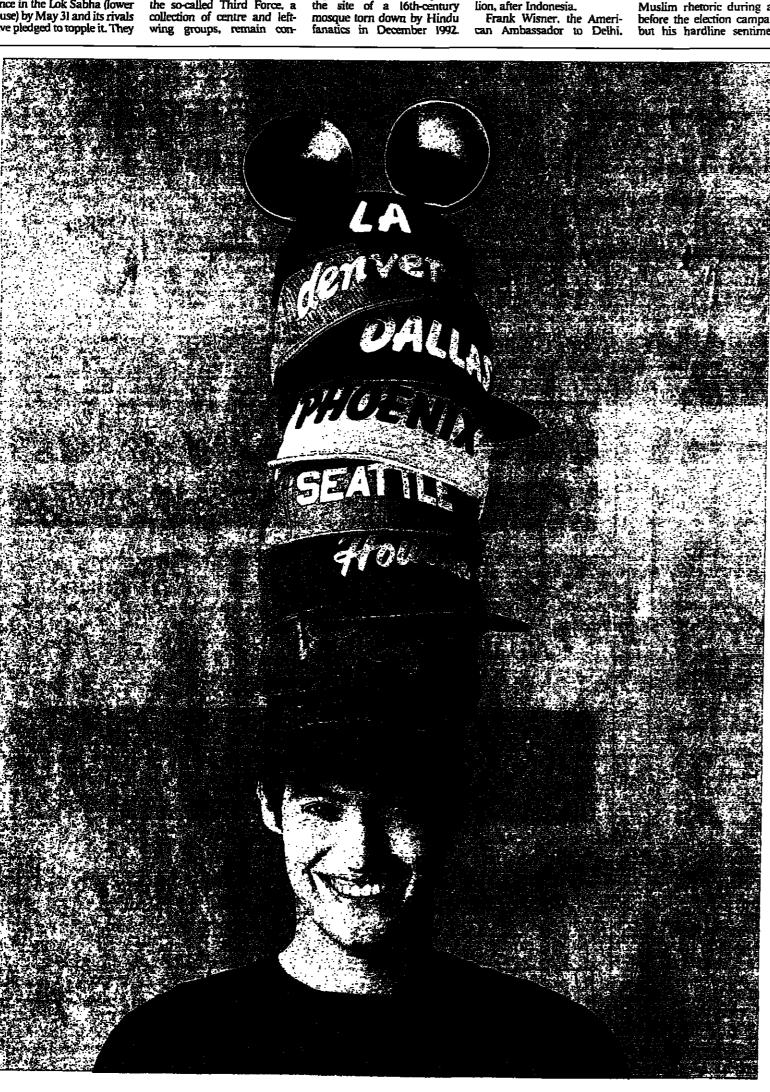
are well established in the party's policies.

The astonishing rise of the party in barely a decade reflects the backlash against the hapless Congress Party Government led by P.V. Narasimha Rao from 1991. Seven of Mr Rao's ministers resigned after being implicated in a massive bribery scandal and Mr Rao was said to have been a beneficiary.

Delhi: The portfolios of the 11 Cabinet ministers were allocated yesterday after hours of wrangling, senior officials said. The appointments indude Jaswant Singh as Finance Minister, Murli Manohar Joshi. a hardline former party president, who

and Sushma Swarai, who takes on the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Si-kander Bakht, the only BJP Muslim, becomes Minister of Human Development and Resources. Mr Vajpayee had

Top ministers named



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Troops sweep Tiger fighters from last Jaffna stronghold

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE Sri Lankan Army yesterday announced the capture of the last rebel-held territory on the northern Jaffna peninsula, completing a spectacular advance against the Tamil Tigers and driving the last of the fighters on to the

In 12 years of war the separatists have never been in greater disarray. Troops marched into former Tiger strongholds without serious resistance.

The army yesterday entered Point Pedro, a strategic Tigerheld port on the northern tant stronghold on the peninsula. The town is a Red Cross food distribution centre for civilians unable to feed themselves because of war.

The troops were backed by helicopter gunships and there was a skirmish with fleeing rebels, but in general the Tigers abandoned their positions without a fight. Point Pedro was the headquarters rammed military vessels with

Tigers' headquarters for six

bomb-laden boats. Last December the army captured Jaffna town, the

vears, scattering the fighters across the peninsula and the northern mainland. The Tigers escaped from Jaffna with their arms and equipment, which will be carried to their jungle bases in the northern mainland and to new concentrations in the east.

the Tigers, whose death would doubtless lead to the collapse of the rebei force. His whereabouts are unknown. The Government's military offensive is being accompanied by a political drive to give the island's regions, including Tamil-dominated areas, substantial autonomy

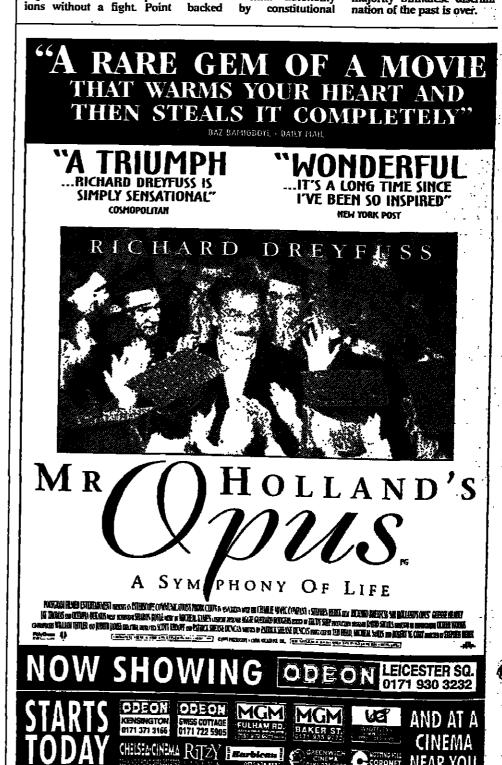
Point Pedro is the birth-

place of Velupillai Prabha-

guarantees of non-interference. There appears to be an na Tamils for the war to end. Support for the Tigers may be ebbing.

The Government probably lacks the parliamentary strength to push through its watering them down. This would be seen by Tamils as the betrayal of a promise of autonomy. Perhaps even more important is the question of whether 300,000 Tamil civilians displaced by the offensive will return home to held areas. The Tigers have

warned them not to do so. According to official figures, 250,000 civilians have moved to government areas. If true, this would give the Government an unprecedented opportunity to demonstrate to Tamils that the majority Sinhalese discrimination of the past is over.



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Plot to blow up El Al jet triggers airport alert

IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL ordered a security alert at airports and ports yesterday after it was disclosed that the terrorist with a

British passport who was injured in an explosion in an east Jerusalem hotel nearly five weeks ago was a Hezbollah agent planning to de-stroy an El Al jet in mid-air.

Diplomatic sources said Britain's MI6 and Israel's Mossad secret service co-operated closely during the investigation after the April 12 blast in the seedy Lawrence Hotel. Israeli police confirmed that the terrorist was travelling on a passport issued to Andrew Jonathan Charles Newman, a trainee accountant. The passport was stolen while he was in Paris in April 1993.

The discovery that the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist, Hussein Muhammad Mikdad, was using a British travel document has led to concern that other Arab terrorists may be using stolen British passports. British passports are among the most coveted in the world by

Injured terrorist with British

who receives his military or-ders from Tehran's mullahs.

Before leaving for Israel, Mr Mikdad — whose chances

of survival are described as

slim - spent time in the

Iranian Embassy in Beirut.

He arrived in Israel on April 4

on a Swissair flight from

Zurich. After days in Tel Aviv.

he went to the Lawrence Hotel

in Saladin Street near Jerusa-

For Mossad, the most wor-

rying aspect is that he was

able to smuggle nearly a kilogram of US-made RDX

plastic explosives through Zu-

rich and Ben Gurion airports.

A Shin Bet security official

said just 200 grams (70z) would have been enough to

The security sources said

that, although he had a return

Swissair ticket to Zurich for

April 18, it was believed he

intended to swap this for an El

Al flight "It seems Hezbollah

blow up a jet.

lem's walled city on April 9.

passport 'carried radio bomb'

terroristsbecause they com-mand respect," an Israeli

security source said. A blanket ban on publication of details of the case was lifted only yesterday. The bomber, who lost both legs, an arm and was blinded, has remained under heavy guard at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. An initial false report had led to the assumption that he was a British Jew planning to blow up Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest site.

A terse Israeli police state-ment yesterday told a different story. It also raised fears that Iran may be trying to engineer a spectacular terrorist raid before the Israeli election on

According to the Israeli version, Mr Mikdad, a Shia Muslim from Lebanon, is a member of Hezbollah. He was associated with Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah its fanatical spiritual leader

which might upset the Europeans. That is why he did not blow up the plane as it was flying from Zurich to Tel Aviv," a security official said. The idea was to attack an El Al plane leaving Israel."

The hotel blast, which foiled the plot, came a day after Is-rael launched its 16-day blitz last month against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

The police statement said a Sony clock radio was modified to conceal a bomb. The device would have been detonated by the use of a hollow rubber tube which had replaced the AM antenna. Western security experts said a similar bomb was used to blow up the PanAm jet over Lockerbie in 1988.

Last night, Western diplo-mats ridiculed a Hezbollah statement from Beirut denying Mr Mikdad's involvement. A diplomat said: "It was a failed operation but one that had potential to aggravate the Middle East situation to a very dangerous degree. Hezbollah's main aim will be to try to avoid any Israeli retaliation, now that it has been



An Islamic militant brandishes the Koran yesterday as he awaits the verdict of the high security court at his trial in Cairo. He was one of nine members of Islamic

Egyptian militants jailed Jihad jailed for plotting to officials. Hassan Muham-

mad Hashim, the leader,

who was facing the death

assassinate several Egyptian

ministers and other senior

penalty, received a five-year sentence. Two other defendants were given 15 years' hard labour, and the others were jailed for between three and ten years. (AFP)

Rock split | European as voters assess Bossano

FROM DOMINIQUE SEARLE IN GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR will wake up this morning to discover who will lead the Rock into 2000. The outcome — which for the first time in two decades has not been totally clear to observers - will leave the Rock more divided than ever.

Gibraltar yesterday saw the highest turnout in 16 years, with more than 55 per cent of the 18,400 electors having cast their vote by midway through the electoral day.

Joe Bossano, the leader of the Socialist Labour Party. who has been in power for eight years, and Peter Caruana, his main Social day at the polling stations with their wives.

They, too, seemed uncertain who would be asked to swear allegiance to the Queen this afternoon in The Convent, a loth-century Franciscan monastery that is the Governor's official residence.

The professional classes seemed to have turned out in force to back the Social Democrats to deprive Mr Bossano of the high support (73 per cent) he won in the 1992 poll. when the Social Democrats managed only 23 per cent.

hunt for 'Lisbon Ripper'

A PORTUGUESE serial killer dubbed the "Lisbon Ripper" is being hunted across

He is being sought by police in four countries where he has killed, as well as in Portugal. Lisbon police do not rule out the possibility that he is in Britain.

The "Ripper" is believed to have killed at least seven women since 1992, three in Portugal and one each in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark and The Netherlands. All his victims, the last of whom was murdered late last year, were young, drug-

dependant prostitutes.
The consistent patt the murders has convinced Portuguese police and Interpol that the killings were committed by the same man. Victims have been strangled. then disembowelled with a shard of glass. On no occasion has there been evidence

of rape. He is believed to be white, aged between 35 and 40, tall, with a pathological hatred of women, and probably suffering from Aids. Police think that he may be a lorry driver whose work takes him across

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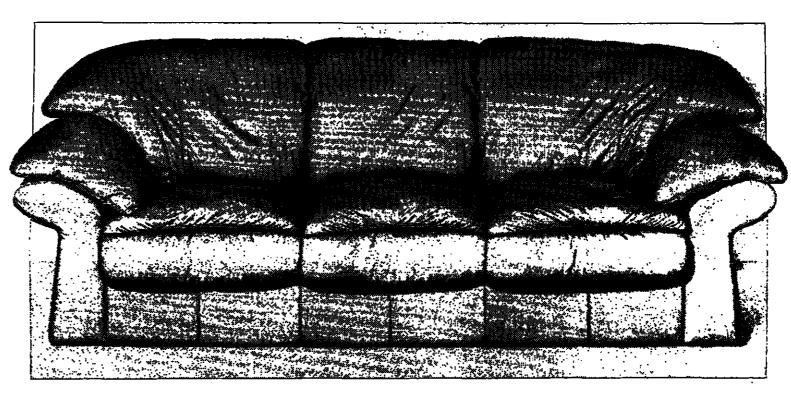
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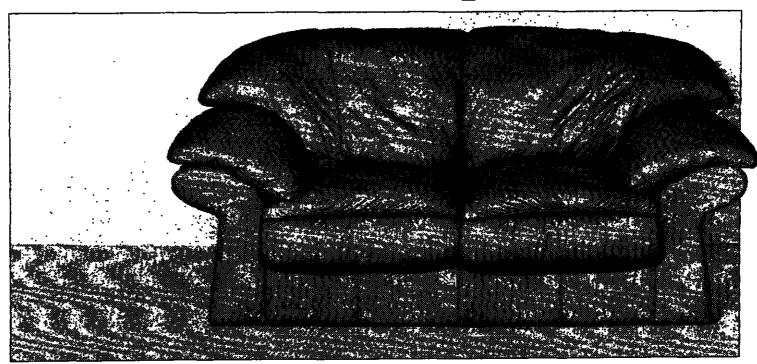
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n the week that four Britons were rescued from Indonesia, we talk to four who endured a very different jungle ordeal

IT SOUNDED like the adventure of a lifetime: a journey through the jungle in which seven young people would discover the mysteries of the Amazon and, in the process. uncover their secret strengths.

The plight of the four young Britons held captive for four months in Indonesia has brought home how dangerous such "character-building" expeditions can be. Yet for the intrepid adventurers featured in a forthcoming Channel 4 documentary. Seven Go Mad in Peru, what transpired was more farce than near-tragedy. Their bold experiment in fostering team spirit rapidly degenerated into a nightmare of petty squabbling and physical

Last July Will Butler-Adams, a 21-year-old student at Newcastle University, gathered together a random crewof distant acquaintances and set off for Peru and a nineweek odyssey through dense jungle to an Indian village. The hopes of the group, aged between 21 and 30, were high when they first met a fortnight before their departure. Yet despite taking part in an Army-organised survival weekend, most were unprepared physically and mentally

for the rigours of the jungle. Their gung-ho esprit de corps soon disintegrated. The heat was overpowering, the insects relentless. Their days consisted of marching in single file through thick vegetation, their nights were spent closeted in tents to escape the

Almost immediately a rift developed between the sexes. The girls complained that the boys were selfish, the boys



their weight. Everyone began to doubt Will's leadership. After a few days, with the group running out of rations, the girls, both vegetarians, were horrified when the boys began to shoot parrots, tortoises and monkeys to supplement their staple of rice. For three weeks they were strand-

said the girls were not pulling

ed on a riverbank. By the time they reached civilisation, relationships had irretrievably broken down. While the boys went on to

into the jungle. The mental slog involved in that part of complete the Inca Trail, the girls made their own way home. Now, nine months latthe trip was terrible, you just er, most of the group are kept going from day to day. barely in touch. So why did it We were hoping to catch all go so horribly wrong? This is what four of them told us: most of our food, but one of the

Bruce Chapman, 23 "I met Will at a friend's party when he was busy planning the trip, carrying maps around and talking about it. At first everyone seemed to gel very well, but that didn't last when we got

The tensions increased once we were out of the jungle and on our way to Cuzco, along the Andes. Before, people had swept disagree-ments under the carpet but when the conditions were no longer arduous, there was a general attitude of 'we can get away from each other, so we don't need to be nice to each other any more'.

There was definitely a split between the five boys and Laura and Hayley. The tensions among the boys were transitory, they didn't cause any lasting animosity. But the split had nothing to do with sexism - it was to do with who contributed and

'I blew my on extremely well with Erin, the producer, because she top and pulled her weight. She also found it refused difficult getting on with the girls. "Everyone found out about the trip through friends.

who didn't. We got

apart from Laura

who answered an advertisement in the paper. She was accepted very quickly because she had been at film school and Will wanted someone who knew how to use a cinecamera. His vetting of her should have been more

rigorous.

The trip gave me the thinking space to consider the future. I had been heading towards a banking job but now I have decided to join the

Andy Wager, 22

We felt tensions pretty quickly once we were in the jungle. Our team spirit soon

"Each person was supposed to carry their own water for the day. The girls were already carrying less equip-ment than us, but one day Laura turned to me after walking for three hours and said 'can I have some of your water? I asked her if she had run out and she said 'I only brought a litre'. I completely blew my top, refused to give her any water and told her she

was a detriment to the whole group.
The girls were so irritating that by the time we came out of

the jungle, I didn't want to

have anything to do with

The worst character clash was between me and Hayley - I found her despicable. She was so self-centred - she was the kind of person who could sit and talk about herself for

hours and never ask you a single question.

"The only time Will failed was in not dealing with the situation with the girls earlier. By the time he tried to make us all be friends, everyone had made up their minds and

Hayley Pattison, 22

wasn't prepared to change."

"There was a real air of optimism at the beginning. Will was very jolly-hockey-sticks. We realised it would be tough but the odd thing is, no one quite knew why.

"Being with the same people day in, day out is exhausting and also hugely isolating, even though you are

never more than 50 vards from any one. My diary from the first night is a cry of 'what am I doing here? "There were

times when I had to give to use all my strength just to put her any of my feet forward. Everyone became my water' and there was a massive boy-girl divide. The boys became com-

petitive and masculine, they patronised Laura and 1, calling us the girlies.
"If you hurt yourself, the attitude was 'come on, you're holding us up'. The boys would never admit they were suffering. Finally I thought fine, you do your Indiana Jones, I'll just get on with walking. As for Will, he

became totally self-absorbed.
"In hindsight, the trip was fantastic but I feel sad that we didn't co-ordinate as a group. I guess we were hostages to the jungle. You expect it to be paradise but actually it's just endless mud and dark green vines with no horizon."

Robert Sawyer, 27 The sheer daily slog creates a selfishness — it was a 'sod the rest' experience. I remember Will had packets of sweets that he wouldn't share - I ended up nicking handfuls from his pack, then eating

"Generally the boys got on



well but the girls didn't pull

their weight - and there was

definitely a problem with Will.

He did incredibly well to

organise the trip but he just

didn't lead us well. He wouldn't tell us what was

going on. We felt like child-

ren, asking him how much

food we had, did we have any

KATHRYN KNIGHT

LLEWELLYN SMITH

AND JULIA

sugar or water."

Clockwise from left: Andy gulps fresh vine water, the boys take a break, vegetarian Hayley ponders parrot for dinner, Will in contemplative pose

guns broke immediately. Al-

though the other one worked

reasonably well, we ran out of

cartridges on a number of

occasions, so we went hungry.

That was our biggest problem

- we all lost a couple of stone.

Finding your man in New York

Manhattan chase ...

OVER THE rocket and dames. Regular pedicures shitake mushroom sidesalad, their eyes met. "Hyacinth." said the tanned. dark-haired American boy. grappling with his com-panion's English name. You are so sweet you make my teeth ache."

Yes, it's corny, but this is the sort of chat-up line English girls can expect if they decide to miss the "season" this year and head instead for Manhattan. I have not yet had personal experience of being courted by an Ameri-

can man though in this city the possibility must probably not be discounted – but women friends who have been treated to the full, soppy ef-fect of an American lad's come-to-

Select bars are best

that the pro-cess is irredeemably saccharine. They will cover you in blooms and call you princess", but after a few days you may succumb to Where to look? Manhattan's best, unofficial, sin-

gles bar — the concourse café at Grand Central Station, has just closed after a high rent demand. In its absence, the best hunting will probably be had at the fading Bowery Bar and the trendy Cub Room. Manhattan in summer

becomes unspeakably hot, so bring light clothes, cut your hair like Jennifer Anniston (of the primetime comedy Friends), and wax those legs and armpits, too. For all their prattling about feminism, New York men do not share their continental-European counterparts' preference for hirsute

are also the norm here. Clothes this summer are pastels, tight trousers, perhaps with bell-bottoms, bared tuming buttons and

shiny sandals with high heels. Nail varnish, though a tad tarty in Britain, is widely worn, both on fingers and toes. This year's shade is light blue.

The good parties are held at weekends, usually on Long Island, where you should find a man who has a rental-share on a house in the Hamptons, the sought-

> Long Island's south shore. But do not be discouraged if he fails to pounce. Indeed, may be left to you. Groping is no longer part of the the male New

bullied has he been by the

"cry rape!" sisterhood. If he is going to pinch your bottom he will ask you beforehand — "Hyacinth, may I, without making any negative statement about you as a woman, place my palm on your posterior at this moment in time?" The American man is

earnest, talkative, and really rather sweet, though sometimes in need of jollification. He will tell you about his fears, his thoughts and particularly about his therapist. Pre-pare yourself for lines such as "my therapist says I have a fear of commitment because I was not breastfed". If he is serious, he will invite you home to meet his mum and leave you alone with her while he watches the baseball on television.

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Simon Gray on champagne, cigarettes — and being told he was dying

A dramatist who refused to take the final curtain

pagne is in the ice bucket, which Simon Gray regards as "the closest most of us get to happiness, after a certain age". We are in sunny Chichester. the morning after the first night of his new play, and his old friend Pinter has just rung to tell him to buy the paper in which the first of several glowing reviews appears.

The last time we talked, Gray and Pinter were not on speaking terms. Gray's comic portrayal of Pinter in the television film Unnatural Pursuits had resulted in a very public rift. So I was keen to discover how they had patched

it up.
"I sent him a poem." Gray says, "which I had come across in The Spectator, called Loss. And Harold wrote back." I looked up the poem: a plaintive elegy by Beatrice Garland on the "unquiet domain" of dismay, deeper than grief: "dismay is private, unpromising and small ... something darkish, bruised,

lative

spreading underground." 'Harold and I had been through six productions together, there was too much life lived together, too much

shared experience for it to be a permanent rift." Pinter 'It has all had come to Chichester and was "exmade me tremely courteous complimenrealise tary" to Gray's director, Richard that I am Wilson — who had played the caricavery keen ture Pinter in the offending TV film.

At the end of that cheering prospect for Gray was his next new play, about George Blake and Sean Bourke. This was, of course, Cell Mates - and we only had a couple of aneuall know what happened to Cell Mates. "When the history of the stage is written." Gray says with a mordant laugh. "it will have become the most

famous play I ever wrote." Five years of work dissolved with Stephen Fry's recorded telephone message: "I'm sorry. I'm so very sorry." The aftermath meant redirecting the play with Simon Ward, tears in the dressing room, Gray's physical and mental exhaustion, and the closure of a play killed off by a fatal contamina-

Gray exorcised the demons by publishing his account of it in a book, Fat Chance — an agony to write" but a masterpiece, managing, despite the rage, rancour and desire for revenge, to be charming, funny, full of dramatic suspense and - in attempting to understand Fry - generous and humane. There had been "so much merriment" in the pro-

A traumatic year has passed since then. Gray went into a clinic to sort out his bad back and to dry out, and was told he had terminal cancer, with between six months and two years to live. "Not only was I told that I was going to die, but

or you.





subsequently I did nearly die. Of pneumonia, which I picked up in the hospital while they were doing their enthusiastic foraging for cancer. I suppose you could call it droll."

He had been told the worst by a doctor "who could not resist being the bringer of bad news". On five consecutive mornings they told him the cancer was not what they had hypothesised, but a more lethal one. What did he feel? (Not such a fatuous question; a friend once told me that when her cancer was diagnosed she felt a perverse onrush of

happiness.) "Misery. Real misery. It made me realise I am very keen to live. I didn't want my life to be taken away from me. I thought 'so young, my Lord, "I couldn't have

done a Potter. Potter did it his way. If the reprieve had not come, I would to live' simply have curled in a nest of love, with my loved ones around." Instead, the reprieve came: the doctors had got it wrong, he

> rysms in chest and abdomen. Until the pneumonia. "I had a temperature of 107 for eight days. Poor Victoria." Victoria Rothschild, with whom he lives, thought she would be widowed before they got round to marrying. If I were in America I'd sue the hell out of the hospital. But here, if I named them, they'd probably sue the hell out of me." He has to go back soon to have the aneurysms patched up; not surprisingly, "I've developed

> absolute hospital phobia". The good news is that he looks extremely well in his lofty shambolic way, and has flung himself into work. Simply Disconnected is the sequel to his wonderful 1975 play Otherwise Engaged, with the same star. Alan Bates. playing the detached Simon Hench who, 21 years on (Gray keeps saying 25 years; he is hopeless about dates), again has his solitude interrupted by brother, old school friend,

parasite hanger-on, etc. For the first time, Gray kept away from rehearsals; he marvelled that the director Richard Wilson, who had never

him only three times for advice; and "Harold and I both think this is Alan's greatest performance". So Chichester has been a happy interlude: he had been to the beach at Hayling Island to look for the house he grew up in, "which has, of course, gone. It was called Mallows — which sounds like the setting for an Agatha Christie."

He has also finished a new novel, and a play called Who. Me? about his father, who died in his seventies "of aneurysms, so I suppose it's genetic". The BBC asked him to dramatise Fat Chance leven suggesting that Fry and Mayall might play themselves) but Gray decided he couldn't go back over that painful story again. Instead he is dramatising the story of Julian Hough, Patrick Barlow's partner in the National Theatre of Brent, which was on the verge of great success when, on two occasions. Julian "did a Stephen Fry" and

ulian happened to be the son of Gray's old Cambridge tutor Graham Hough. Julian jaywalking on the Guildford bypass smashed up he was identifiable only by his fingerprints. I felt I could do this story," Gray says. " because I hadn't been involved in it."

There are many endearing things about Simon Gray: his Eeyorish pessimism followed laughter: the way he says "If you print this I will kill you" before spilling a riveting confidence; and his reckless addiction, even after the brush with death. to champagne and to Silk Cut, which he buys by

the carton. But he can't still be getting through 60 a day, surely? Oh ves. And I loathe them. I find them revolting, really revolting. I wake in the morning and think, why do I do this? In two minutes I will feel foul." But as he wrote ten years ago, when he asked Pinter's advice about giving up, Harold told him not to bother yet:

"You've got a few years of smoking left in you.™ He rang his docwanted to smash his

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tor about a prescription for Nicorette gum and was told he must Woody come in and "sit about for hours in germ-and-baby ...ed waiting made him so irritated he smoked

even more. Soon he was chewing Nicorettes and smoking at the same time, and even the memory of the gum makes

him gag. Nobody knows more, or writes better, than Gray about the destructive forces in life. There is as much drama in the accounts he writes of seeing plays into production as in his plays — with himself as the fall guy. A Simon Gray day -never more graphically depictseen Otherwise Engaged, rang ed than in his television film



Pass me a man-sized hanky

Real men don't cry for Bambi, says Giles Coren

live in every hundred men who watched Mel Gibson paint his face blue and cry "Freedom!" in Braveheart burst into tears. Women, for the most part, were unmoved. We also outwept the ladies in Schindler's List, The Elephant Man. Philadelphia and Forrest Gump.

Have we gone mad? Have we forgotten that a man should offer only a dry shoulder to the helpless blubbing of his fair companion? Not quite. It is just a question of which film twists your stopcock and according to an invaluable survey of Britain's cinemagoing habits, compiled by Microsoft, those films differ between the sexes.

In Ghost, you see, it was the birds who blubbed, whereas only half as many blokes broke down. In the awful Bette Midler schlockfest, Beaches, ten times as many women cried, a pattern repeated in Four Weddings, Sense and Sensibility and The Lion King.

These figures prove conclusively, as figures always do, that men cry about friendships between men and the happy(ish) resolution of violence. Women cry about romantic love and dead cartoon animals.

You will never find a man crying over Sleepless in Seattle or Doctor Zhivago. But put him in front of The Shawshank Redemption at the point when Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins unite on the beach, or The Natural when Robert Redford hits the last home run, and dive for dry land.

hile women may cry for Bambi's dead mother, men will cry in The Deer Hunter, not for the slaughtered cervine but for the tragic reunion of the hunters, Christopher Walken and Robert De Niro. But 8 per cent of men, according to the survey, never cry in films at all. Pah! I would like to see them dry-eyed when Rocky finally throws his arms around Apollo Creed and they sob together: "Ain't gonna be no rematch. Ain't gonna be no rematch." And what about the bit in Escape To

Victory when Michael Caine's team of footballing PoWs refuse to escape at halftime through a tunnel in their changing room but go back on the pitch to show their German captors a thing or two about British football? No man could hold himself together. When Pele does that bicycle kick from the edge of the box to make it 4-4 in the dying seconds, even as the crowd are invading the pitch to smuggle the players to freedom under their coats...

So, if you want to impress a woman with your ur-male credibility, go and see Brief Encounter or Love Story or Terms of Endearment. But for God's sake, don't take her to a weepy.





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When Gaullists were Gauls and Britons wore woad, we had a visitor

onsieur le Président Chiractacus is visiting Britain to rediscover the magic potion l'entente très cordiale. Accompanied by Asterix, his Ministre des Calembours, he has been feasted sic ad nauseam on the native dish of Vache Folle Anglaise with Brussels sprouts, and has addressed both Houses of Druids in their Menhir Circle. But every time he opens his mouth, the Druids wail the song at the top of the Bardic charts: "Ooox, Aaax, vive the world's greatest Gaul, Eric Cantonax." Chiractacus finds this puzzling because he never believed that the Roman game of kicking the boulder would catch on in this island, where they have to carry little portable roofs to stop the sky from falling on their heads. For the climate does not favour a level playing-field to encourage the Gallic skills of boulder-control. And in any case he prefers David Ginolax, the other Gaul who has been engaged to teach the Britons to kick the boulder at Pons Aelius (Newcastle), a frontier fort.

Tempted by Toujours Provan, a Gallic bestseller about the good life in the garden suburb of Glasgow called Provan, Chiractacus has crossed the Wall to visit the Picts. The Prince Mykingdomforanos, acts as his interpreter to the gang leaders, C.U. Jimmix and Wee Gorbalox. On his marchabout the Easterhouses, the Picts wave their Saltires and offer him their native dish of Haggix (Intestins Foux Ecossais or Panse de Brebis Farcie) — a sausage of whose existence he had first heard from the Paris correspondent of Temporum. So Chiractacus addresses the Picts: "Messieurs les Pictes. We cannot build Europe without you. As great tribes, we must each retain our native traditions. For us Gauls, as your Sol tablet knows, our favourite dish is wild boar garnished with frogs' legs. You, on the other hand, worship both your boors and your bores, often in the same person. You allow Euro-bores of all sorts to monopolise your forum. As we say in Gaul, chacun à son gout or Bill Cashox can give you gout. So we shall continue to roast our boars. Your religion lets them bore you to death. As they say, Major e longinquo reverentia: or, John Major looks better from a great distance, just as I appreciate your bagpipes best from a long way off.

Since the Pactum Romanum, Britain has been a reluctant province with a revolting tendency. If it was not your Queen Boadicea then it was Queen Maggie. whom Druids worship as a reincarnation of Boadicea. Your island is a breeding-ground for would-be Emperors. Clodius Albinus had a go. Septimius Severus defeated his barmy army at Lyons. Then you had the notion of an independent Britannia within the Empire Union or EU. Carausius, admiral of the Channel Fleet (RN), proclaimed himself Emperor. Allectus murdered him and took over the role of Tribal Xenophobe and Demagogue.

"Aut Caesar aut nihil (independence or Referenda est Britannia. Bu Rome did not forget or forgive. Constantius Chlorus, "the pale one" and an ancestor of Helmut Kohl, brought his legions over to reclaim the province. But Britannia did not forget either. Magnus Maximus, a superlative of John Major, was at it again in 383. Read all about it in Kipling's Centurion of the XXXth. He set himself up as Emperor in Britannia and dreamt up a new protocol. He crossed the Manche and took over Gallia and Iberia after defeating Commissioner Gratian. But he was killed, and Britain was back in the EU.

Then the Rhine froze and the barbarians made inroads again. So you Brits declared your own independent Presidents of the EU: Marcus, Gratian and Constantine III. But Constantine took your army to Gallia, and neither he nor it came back. So then your Druids wrote to Honorius, Emperor of the West, and said please send an EU task-force, we want back in. And the President said: 'I am too busy. Alea jacta est. Die of cold (3.4): ice cube, mes braves.' But you kept appealing to Rome, lastly to Actius in the 470s. But Europe would not be half as much fun without you and your let's leave, let's stay,

thumbs up/down to Roma." "Why's the old feller blethering wind and pish?" said C.U. Jimmix. "Away bile your heed," said Wee Gorbalox. "But at least he doesn't speak English."



It's those bricks again

cutting from a copy of The Times lies before me. It is one of my columns. I stare at it, hardly believing my eyes. Alas, it is real; would that it might go back to where it came from, but I know it won't. For it was written and published 20 years ago almost to the week, when my hair was a dark brown and I could dash down the stairs without holding the

banisters. [chabod! [chabod! Come come. Levin, what's all this maudlin talk? What is that particular column among the hundreds — the thousands - that you have written? I shall tell you. It is particular because it has come back to haunt me, with what I wrote all those years ago and which I am now obliged to write again. Is there anyone reading this whose memory is sufficiently stirred when he or she reads the headline: "Art may come and art may go, but a brick is a brick for ever."

You see in 1976, an American sculptor, Carl Andre by name, was given space in the Tate Gallery to put down one of his own figures. (That admirable practice continues, I am happy to say.) But when Mr Andre was invited to put down his figure, it was seen to be no figure to rival Praxiteles. Donatello, Grinling Gibbons, Canova, Rodin, Picasso and Henry Moore. Far from it for his imperishable masterpiece he had put down two rows of perfectly ordinary buildier's bricks, ten by six on two layers, and nothing else at all.

Whereupon merry hell broke out. And, as you would expect, I took upon myself the entire burden of making the explosion bigger, noisier, angrier and generally whoopier. Throughout, when I felt that the uproar might be waning, I shoved in my oar again, and in no time there was more blood on the pavement. I give you a sample.

A pile of bricks is a pile of bricks, and as soon as the curtain went up... I read these words: "It must be remembered that for at least a hundred years now every new form of art has been ridiculed and labelled folly." This is an example - indeed, it is one of the finest specimens I have ever bagged - of the Fallacy of the Undistributed Middle, which is to be found in the first chapter of any book on elementary logic, normally in this form: "All oaks are trees. All elms are trees.

Therefore all oaks are elms." For it is not only great but disturbingly original work that is called rubbish: it is also rubbish. And it is not only new artistic forms that are ridiculed; it is also

Carl Andre's minimalist installations

are taken as seriously by critics as they

were 20 years ago — but are they art?

And now Mr Andre, after 20 years spent ignoring Britain, has brought us a brand-new show. And in his brand-new show — he has chosen Oxford for it — he has given us once again an enormous lot of bricks — bricks entirely indistin-guishable from the old bricks, or indeed any ordinary bricks at all. How's that for 20 years of perseverance?

Now I must reveal that this time the man on the ladder has given us something as well as bricks. There are. for instance, a couple of dozen chunks of wood, all of roughly the same size, shape, material (cedar I think) and position. There is a rather more shaped

figure which reminds one a little — only a little I am happy to say - of America's electric chair. There is also a long copper hand (I think it is copper) which snakes about the gallery for many yards.

At this point, I can almost hear Mr Richard Cork (the Times art critic) bursting at the seams, and the sharpening of hatchets can be heard far away. Because I have to say now, about Mr Carl Andre, that although he is obviously not a charlatan, what he is is an artist of quite extraordinarily small talent. And when I say this, it is impossible for me not to challenge some of Mr Cork's strongest beliefs about Mr Andre's work. For you see, Mr Cork wrote a very substantial article, published here on May 7 this year, in which he showed that he believes that Mr Andre is of

great talent. As it happens, the first clue to my scepticism has been given to me on a plate by Mr Andre. His — well let them be called his objects — all have names, and I offer a random selection of

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I have to say, even if it makes Mr Cork groan, that although I remain certain that Mr Andre is not a charlatan, I do have to grit my teeth against believing that he is.

But upstairs, there is more, and it is what you and I would call somewhat overdone. As we come up into the upstairs gallery, we see that almost half of the space (and it is

a very considerable space) is laid by tiles, rather thin ones. All the tiles are the same size and shape, which is square, and all the tiles touch their neighbours exactly. And so the entire floor consists of square tiles a foot

across - to be precise, one thousand two hundred and ninety six of them. Although the tiles are the same shape and size, they change patches in different colours, though no odd one is to be found, or indeed even a few; huge sections are the rule. It is notable that there are no bright colours in this sea of squares; indeed, the entire gallery offers very few objects that anyone would like to dance to. (There is one exception to this mournful parade, which I shall

ow, as I never stop pointing out, art in all its forms can be shaken or stirred, or indeed both at once. The fact that I think Mr Andre's work is of no account - nay, is more or less trivial and even silly - doesn't matter, not least because Mr Cork is at my elbow to tell me that Mr Andre's work is of high quality. (Though I cannot refrain from twitching then I read Mr Cork's "Andre uses his clusters of bricks to make cuts in space, thereby turning the floor they occupy into an integral part of the

We all know that it is almost impossible to make sense of the blurbs that accompany art exhibitions, and Carl Andre has opened the floodgates this time. Try this bit from Waldemar Januszczak: "Andre is unique among minimalists in striving for a poetic melancholy. He thinks with his heart and remembers with his feet. All his floor pieces are made to be walked over. They set out to remind you what it was like to scamper across things."

And what about Richard Dorment? 'Implicit in that title [Equivalents] is the idea that a cloud is the visible equivalent of a certain amount of condensed water. But more than this, in its own mysterious way, a photograph of a cloud can also be considered an equivalent of the cloud itself. In other words, without sharing any of its physical properties, a work of art can be the equivalent of a natural phenomenon." (Many years ago Beachcomber — J.B.Morton — played a wicked trick on people who were babbling about a painting without really knowing anything about it. Beachcomper wrote two blurbs, one straight forward and one made of complete gibberish: then he offered them both and asked which was which. Roughly half got it wrong.)

But that, surely, is the glory of this business. And it comes in two forms. Go to Venice and stand before the great Titian Assumption in the Frari: vou will need no blurb, not even a sensible one. Then, only a few paces away, you will see a figure by Canova. This time you will ponder; was he a great artist, or was he something to shudder at? No matter, a healthy argument is worth a few cups of coffee, and vice versa.

But here is Carl Andre, and you instantly know that there is no argument. Or rather, there is an argument, but it is far too trivial to waste time,

effort and absurdity on.
Let him play with his bricks; may he never drop one on his toe. But before I go, let me salute him for one thing in his dreary world. In one corner of the gallery. Andre has put a huge, splendid, bit of — well, I would call it Lego — in lovely light wood, standing some six feet high. It is egg-shaped, and worth all of Andre's serious work. Chuck it, Andre, and make things like that. And then the Oxford gallery will be crowded, instead of having five people in it, as it did when I went.

Why child . benefit is special

New Labour's row is really very old,

says Paul Barker

f you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. But of all the current Labour Party jostlings in the back-pantry of power, the row about child benefit is the real division. Child benefit has become the test of a commitment to social justice. Children are our future. How could a party that endangers their wellbeing call itself a party of reform?

Despite occasional murmurings, the

Conservatives have left child benefit in place. But the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, has now said that one way for Labour to save money would be to scrap the payments to the mothers of older children. Frank Field, the Labour chairman of the Commons Social Sec-urity Select Committee, has emerged as one of his most vocal opponents. He says this will undercut the finances of working mothers (often part-timers) and their families.

The history of child benefit, and Frank Field's role in that history, explains why it has (rightly) become such a rallying cry. (It is also a useful and legitimate focus for Labour MPs unhappy with the leadership.) The point about child benefit is that just about 100 per cent of the seven million mothers entitled to it take their books to the post office and collect it. The money goes where it should. If a few rich mothers receive child benefit they don't need, this is a small price to pay. (It is probably cheaper than the administrative cost of a more complex system. If fiscal pressures demanded it, the best way to get the money back would be through PAYE.)

Labour's agonising over this precisely matches the tussle over the introduction of child benefit in the first place under the last Labour administration. It is evidence of how a Blair government might shape up under the pressures of office.

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Twenty years ago, Frank Field was the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group. I was editor of the social affairs weekly, New Society. Together we be-came locked into the battle to save child benefit from strangulation at birth -- by a Labour Prime Minister. To achieve victory, we broke all the polite rules.

In April 1976, James Callaghan succeeded Harold Wilson. He immediately sacked the radical Social Services Secretary, Barbara Castle, who had carried the Child Benefit Act into law. On May 25, 1976, her pallid successor. David Ennals, rose in the Commons to say that child benefit would not now be introduced for at least three years. This sounded like a shadowy way of saying never.

Field rang me. There was someone he thought'I should see. Could they come to my office? When Field arrived, he was coldly furious. So was his companion, whom I did not then know. He had given field a wad of photocopies. They were photocopies of Cabinet minutes. which showed how this shabby decision was reached.

The Treasury — with Denis Healey, the Chancellor, in the Gordon Brown part — had counter-attacked over the cost. Callaghan had his own doubts. It meant a fiscal shift from men (who gained most from the existing child tax allowances) to women. Trade unionists weren't keen. Callaghan was vulnerable to union pressures. The abandonment was agreed. Cabinet then concentrated on how Ennals could "sell" the sell-out.

Field asked if I would run an article based on the minutes. I said I would. On June 17, 1976, it appeared in New Society under the heading, "Killing a commit-ment: The Cabinet v the children".

To avoid cold feet, I didn't tell my publishers about it until the issue was being distributed. Everything in the office that might help inquiries was burnt, or flushed down the women's lavatory by my secretary. (I could tell Scotland Yard, correctly, that I had nothing it would be interested in.) When early copies reached London, Field took a bundle to the Commons and made sure they were well distributed. This all breached the byzantine rules of British governmental life. It broke the Official Secrets Act. It offended against the rules of the parliamentary journalists' lobby (to which New Society had the freedom of not belonging). But it worked. Child

benefit was introduced after all. It is rare, in my experience, for an article to have such a direct effect. As Field had shrewdly planned, there were acres of follow-up coverage. The Commons promptly held two debates: one on what the revelations meant for social security policy, the other on the breach of official secrecy. Our informant was, I am glad to say, undiscovered by the mole-hunts. We run into each other from time to time and exchange a quiet smile. The invention of the photocopier is the only step towards open government that has happened in my lifetime.

Child benefit became, and has remained, the yardstick of government (or opposition) concern for the family. At the time, I thought we had also increased the chances of a Freedom of Information Act. Field's article asked: "What would the Prime Minister's, the Chancellor's and their colleagues' reactions have been if they had known they were going to be individually accountable for what was said in Cabinet? Is it another argument for more open government? After all, this is another of Labour's election pledges."

He and I were involved in helping to produce a draft Information Bill. With Liberal support, it was making progress when the Callaghan Government collapsed. Such a law is again part of Labour's package of commitments. Will it withstand the heat of office? The P·H·S waverings over child beneft fortunately, give us a hint. waverings over child benefit may, un-

Tears indeed

ONE OF the country's top vegeta-ble growers has lost the prize onions which were to have been the centrepiece of his exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show. They have

The onions, grown by Chelsea gold medal winner Arthur Davies and each weighing more than 21b, had been placed carefully in cold storage at his local pub in Powys to ensure that they were in mint condition for the show, which opens next week. Unfortunately, one of the kitchen staff at the Talgarth Inn chopped them up and popped them into the pub's lasagne.

Davies has won 84 national gold medals for his vegetables, and had been commissioned to grow the onions for the Ipswich seed firm Thompson & Morgan. "They got better care than the wife over the ten months I grew them," he said yesterday. "One of them reached the size of a melon. It was a beauty. I'll bring the one onion that wasn't eaten to the show, but it's a very poor specimen."

The pub is contrite and has been offering Davies free drinks as consolation. "It's very unfortunate," says the manager, Peter Lawson. They were so big that

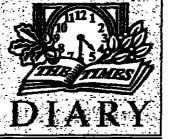
can assure you that they tasted

• Jude, the new film based on Thomas Hardy's Obscure novel, has been sold to every commercial territory bar one: Germany. The problem is the film-makers' mod-ish abbreviation of Hardy's origi-nal title, which will need to be changed for the German market. To plaster cinemas with the stark



"It's a very rare haggis from

20 years her junior. More than 100 of the usual suspects - Rothschilds, Aspinalls,



name "Jude", which means "Jew" in German, would, it is felt, be a little insensitive.

Swagger on

WHEN not hurling money at his Referendum Party, Sir James Goldsmith likes nothing more than big family parties. Officially, last night's party, held at Montes, a nightclub in Knightsbridge where sheikhs rattle and roll, was to celebrate the 42nd birthday of Goldsmith's oldest daughter, Isabel. But the news that another of the guests, Jemima Khan, is pregnant added a springtime fizz to

proceedings.
Isabel, Goldsmith's daughter by his first wife, has a boyfriend some

Fortes and Thatchers - turned up,

Isabel Goldsmith

sniffing around the thousands of slipped a very old bit of mackerel inside Anthony McGrath's pads at Sheffield. Anthony spent some time trying to find out where the awful smell was coming from, particularly as it got onto his clothes."

Stinky wicket IAN BOTHAM and Alan Lamb may have pulled up their stumps,

but jokers in the pavilion still abound. Yorkshire's Alex Morris comes high on the list - he stuffed a smelly fish down one of his team-mate's pads in the match against Derbyshire last The England and Yorkshire allrounder Darren Gough takes up

the story: "Alex Morris quietly



pounds worth of floral explosions.

There is no doubt about it. The

man would bring a definite strut to

Downing Street

weekend.

Yorkshire pud SIR BERNARD INGHAM'S fam-

ous hangdog expression may well be explained by his penchant for a curious neale-based pudding. This Sunday, Margaret Thatcher's former press secretary will tootle off to his native Yorkshire and, to the triumphal lanfare of a local brass band, judge the World Dock Pudding Championship. The dock plant used is a relation

of those used to cure a nettle's sting. Mixed in with nettles, outmeal and onions, and boiled thoroughly, they become Sir Bernard's favourite dish. "I find it impossible to describe," he gushes on Radio 4's Going Places. For me, it's ambrosia and there's something Elysian about eating perfectly made dock pudding."

Sock shock

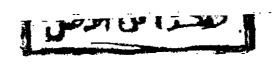
WHILE the middle-aged model Jerry Hall removes her clothes for the latest Vogue, her catwalk contemporary Marie Helvin has de-



Marie: well padded

veloped a new trick to impress the public. She has taken to wearing rugby socks inside her bra to give her some lift. Compliments on her beauty at

the opening of Bruce Oldfield's new shop in Mayfair on Wednesday night were answered directly with the story of the socks. "I don't know what team they represent, but they're red and green if that's any help," she said. ... And no. I'm not going to pull them out to show you."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THE WRONG STEP

In choosing a Dublin newspaper to unveil the latest development in his Northern Ireland policy yesterday, the Prime Minister saw to it that his article dropped onto the doorsteps of only a few thousand British citizens. But the readership John Major wished to reach was even smaller than that. The Prime Minister's article in The Irish Times was addressed to the leadership of the Irish republican movement and intended to encourage a new IRA ceasefire. His efforts to end republican violence are understandable but the wisdom of his current approach must be questioned.

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Docklands bomb both the British and the Irish Governments maintained that progress in Ulster would not be stopped. The IRA's decision was tragic, it was argued, but Sinn Fein would be the losers: republicans.

right-hand man to the Irish Foreign Mineffective veto on progress. Last month Mr Spring unveiled plans to deal with the decommissioning of terrorist weapons separately from, rather than before, political talks. He believed that was the minimum necessary adjustment to ensure that there was another IRA ceasefire. He was, however, conceding another point to the republicans and providing ammunition to those within the IRA who argue that the armed

Mr Major's article can be interpreted

ambiguously but his aim seems clear. Without going so far as to endorse Mr Spring's plan, the Prime Minister is signalling to Sinn Fein that decommissioning can be finessed if a new ceasefire is called. Taken along with the transfer of the IRA terrorist Patrick Kelly to an Irish jail and British Government support for the Irish language in Belfast, the article is the most significant part of a campaign to court republicans. Security sources believe the republican leadership is engaged in intense debate on its next move and the Government hopes it can nudge the IRA to a new ceasefire.

Mr Major's approach is fraught with difficulties. All the attempts by London and Dublin to address republican concerns only reinforce the impression that IRA violence drives political developments. Republicans can afford to look cynically at any suggestion that they are locking themselves out if they do not call a ceasefire before talks begin on June 10. They know that they can call a ceasefire at any time, enter talks without giving up a bullet and reserve the capacity to return to violence. Dublin officials argue that once in talks it will be hard for republicans to bomb again. But, given what they have gained by the bomb, republicans will feel little compunction in resuming slaughter if their goals are not met.

Mr Major's efforts may very well not lead to any ceasefire. If there is one, it is certain to be tactical. But while he makes his overtures to the IRA, his own party grows restive and the representatives of the democratic majority in Northern Ireland grow suspicious. It is to the credit of the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble that he has reacted cautiously to Mr Major's words. His community requires reassurance from the Government. Those who place their faith in democracy should not be made to feel that those who subvert it are in control.

> Yours sincerely. A. J. PERRY, Savanna, Park View Road, Woldingham, Surrey.

From Mr A. J. Perry

vatisation Acts.

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, May 15) highlights that the regulators of the

privatised utilities are accountable to

no one. That was the essence of the

structure: they were not to be subject to (overt) political direction, but only

to generalised duties set out in the pri-

There may have been an expecta-

tion that the "price cap" privatisation model would avoid the detailed

hands-on control that was the evil of

the nationalised industries. But price

capping controls, within limits, the

major cash inflow of the company. It

cannot be set in a vacuum, but has to

be related to the major cash outflows

that the regulator deems reasonable.

Hence, the regulator must take a view

about operating costs and efficiency.

the amount of capital investment, and

how this is to be financed and the cost

of finance; ie to model the companies'

accounts, and for a period of future

years. This was not a "hidden as

sumption", as Jenkins puts it, but a

consequence of the type of regulation
— and probably unavoidable with any

Perhaps initally it was expected that the regulators would need to carry out

only periodic reviews of the price cap.

the companies having freedom to

manage between reviews. In fact,

many events generated by the

companies and by external factors, eg

takeovers, have required the regula-

Another issue of concern is that the

utilities provide an essential infra-

structure for industry, as well as the

domestic consumer. But neither Par-

liament nor the public knows whether

the decisions that have been made by

the companies and the regulators are

providing the investment necessary

for the future competitiveness of Bri-

tish industry and the prosperity of the

tors to intervene more frequently.

effective regulation of monopolies.

From Mr Harry Hornsby

Children's literacy

From the Headmaster of

More House School

Sir. To add to Simon Jenkins's perceptive article today, the disincentive to management resulting from draconian measures such as these by utility regulators will be profound. No longer will there be financial reward to a

Sir. As headmaster of a school whose

function is to help boys of average in-

telligence who have language-based

learning difficulties. I feel that some of

the debate about literacy is off target,

as is a great deal of the support in

mainstream schools (letters, May II).

Many children do have genuine prob-

lems in acquiring adequate levels of

Children with specific learning dif-

ficulties experience language prob-

lems across the curriculum. The sup-

port they receive, especially at second-

ary level, is usually given by with-

drawal from ordinary classes for

When in normal classes, they con-

tinue to struggle with text which be-

comes increasingly demanding. If

they can access it at all, they are often

slow to process it and get left behind

or removed to the lowest sets with less

that this gives them has alarming so-

able children. The feeling of failure

It should be recognised that literacy

problems are specific to the individ-

ual. There is no magic cure. Strategies

have to be taught, monitored and ad-

short sessions of specialist help.

company for successful innovation and productivity gains, as it can be wiped out at a stroke by the regulator; similarly, there will be no point in competing for business or taking other risks. The regulator is now an even more powerful threat to a utility than Parliament, for the latter must pass an Act to create, for example, a windfall tax, while the regulator needs

Regulator's proposals and their effects on British Gas

no such approval. I fear that management will be more interested in the preservation of their jobs than in progress or profit a return, in effect, to the attitudes of nationalised industry. Ultimately this must be to the disadvantage of con-sumers who can expect higher costs and a reduction in service.

Clearly regulation is in a mess. The system needs urgent revision before damage is done to these crucial in-

Yours faithfully, HARRY HORNSBY, 20 Waterford Lane, Lymington, Hampshire.

From Mr Granville Davies

Sir, If British Gas is to be effectively renationalised through the intervention of the Ofgas regulator, as Pennington suggests today, can the little Sids like me rely on the City regulators to take action against the Government for misleading us in 1986 to invest in what we were led to believe would be a private enterprise?

This must surely work against the original Conservative concept of a shareholding democracy, even if the discouragement of small investors with their disproportionate servicing costs suits the current policy of British

GRANVILLE DAVIES, 5 Warren Wood, Warren Road, Crowborough, East Sussex.

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir. The main responsibility for this latest nonsense lies on the Government, for introducing an inherently unstable system of controlling utilities. Yet anyone with any experience of gas transmission systems must challenge Ofgas's claim that the regulator's policy of swingeing and succes-

justed as the child's literacy needs

change, and be reinforced sympatheti-

cally in all subject areas. Teacher

training should address this problem

more rigorously and in-service train-

For those children who need really

specialist help, central funding should

be made available. Support varies so

cerned parents are forced to move

house to live in areas funded by the

more enlightened local education

BARRY HUGGETT, Headmaster,

Sir, Having recently read an educa-

tion expert's view that it takes 30 hours to teach a child to read, I calcul-

ated - for fun - that in my six-year-

old daughter's class her teacher has

have English as a second language.

Some have no English at all. Whole-

class teaching is not a full-time option.

There is an extensive National Curri-

culum to teach. Time must be found

Over half the children in the class

28.5 hours per child per year.

Frensham, Farnham, Surrey.

authorities.

May II.

Yours faithfully,

More House School,

From Ms Shona Kelly

much geographically that many con-

ing should make the best of modern

practice available to all teachers.

sive cuts will have no effect on standards of service and safety. As the level of complaints last year showed, steadily reducing manpower to satisfy arbitrary financial targets leaves any service incapable of meeting exceptional conditions or situations. The most intriguing aspect of this

case to any engineer is that Ofgas is promoting the bad practices of the former water and sewage authorities, who kept prices down by failing to maintain their infrastructures. The cost of that folly is now becoming apparent; and it is important to realise that, as my first problem at the Gas Council - the Ronan Point tower block disaster in 1968 (there were even more serious incidents overseas) - illustrated, gas leaks are even more dangerous than water ones.

Yours faithfully, LEWIS STRETCH (Director, Research & Development, Gas Council, 1969-71). 3 Laroc Close,

Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.

From the Director, National Energy

Sir. Far from being the response of caring utilities to the needs of lowincome consumers as Pennington suggests (May 9), prepayment meters primarily benefit the supplier by maintaining consumption and payment whilst collecting any existing

If consumer benefit were a priority, utilities would not impose the surcharge on prepayment customers which typically requires them to pay at least 5 per cent more for fuel than customers using other payment methods - an unusual manifestation of a "socially sensitive" approach.

At present some 4 million consumers use prepayment meters to pay for fuel consumption. Many of these consumers face regular disconnection from supply, not through the actions of the utilities but through poverty. Prepayment meters are not a solution — they are indicators of a serious social problem.

for compulsory acts of worship. It is

no wonder to me that my daughter

We should stop vilifying those pro-

fessionals who choose to work in diffi-

cult inner-city schools, recognise their

dedication, and campaign for the

funds they need desperately to re-

source a sensible teacher/pupil ratio

has not quite mastered reading yet.

Yours faithfully, ANDREA COOK. Director, National Energy Action, St Andrew's House, 90-92 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

SHONA KELLY,

82 Lansdowne Drive, E8.

Lee Mortimer in 1857.

enjoyment come later.

ELIZABETH MORRISON.

Great Shelford, Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,

Granhams.

From Mrs Elizabeth Morrison

Sir, When I went as governess to Little

King Faisal of Iraq in 1940 I took with

me a copy of the splendid Reading

Without Tears, written by Mrs Favel

In a few weeks he wrote "I hav got a

carij, to smorl horses pool the carij". Efforts need not be made to make

the learning of reading so attractive to

children; they can always be read to.

Rather it should become a necessary

daily routine, like getting dressed or

finishing food. Correct spelling and

from the Government's continued use

of forced labour on road, rail and

other infrastructural projects. For this

reason Human Rights Watch calls on

Ms Pitman claims that "internat-

ional Coca Cola culture has already

arrived in Burma". To the contrary,

Coca Cola itself has refused to invest

in Burma, citing human rights con-cerns. Their rival, Pepsi-Co, was last

month forced, under pressure from

American students, to sell its shares in

British companies should also be

aware that the EC is currently investi-

gating the use of forced labour in

Burma, with a view to withdrawing

the preferential import tariffs which

Burma currently enjoys as a develop-

its Burmese subsidiary.

companies not to invest there.

Children's diet in the 'muesli belt'

From Mr J. A. Clewett

Sir, I applaud the general thrust of Dr Stuttaford's article regarding the starvation diets which increasingly health-conscious parents are inflicting upon their children ("Muesli-belt diet causes danger across all classes", Medical Briefing, May 13). However, I must take Dr Stuttaford to task over his statement that "when children's teeth decay it is not because they eat jam roly-poly or treacle tart . . . but because they haven't brushed their teeth

properly".

The cause of tooth decay is sugar.
Tooth-brushing alone will not effectively reduce decay, since most people only brush their teeth once or twice a day and the toothbrush is physically incapable of cleansing the narrow fissures and contact points be-tween teeth where carious attack generally begins. The anti-caries effect of fluoride in toothpaste is not helping the 13 per cent of North Wales five-year-olds who have dental extractions under general anaesthesia each year.

The Scientific Basis of Dental Health Education, published by the Health Education Authority, provides definitive advice which is endorsed by the dental profession: limit sugar intake to meal times. Avoid sugary snacks or beverages between meals but at meal times, go on, enjoy your-

. A. CLEWETT (Deputy Director of Dental Services). Clwydian Community Care, Catherine Gladstone House, Hawarden Way, Mancot, Deeside.

From Mr Robert Howe

Sir, Thank goodness for the common sense of Dr Thomas Stuttaford, who draws long overdue attention to the widespread malnutrition of children by overly health-conscious parents. As a teacher of 7 to 11-year-olds, I would like to add that not only are these parents compromising their children's physical development by eliminating essential fats and proteins they are risking the youngsters' mental health by making them afraid of

Too often children are encouraged by their parents to be suspicious and anxious, ever vigilant lest some unscrupulous cook attempts to poison them by offering something awful, like baked beans containing sugar. Such artificial anxiety is, I believe. incompatible with a healthy, happy and carefree childhood.

Yours faithfully ROBERT HOWE. Crackenthorp, Skinburness. Carlisle, Cumbria. May 13.

Nietzsche at St Paul's

From the Dean of St Paul's

Sir, Richard Morrison's somewhat intemperate article ("Death of God? No problem with us". Arts. May II) is a preview of Delius's A Mass of Life, to be sung in German in St Paul's Cathedral on July 3.

Mr Morrison appears not to understand Nietzsche's text as it is set by Delius in this work. The Dean and Chapter have read this carefully and we find there is nothing in these words of Nietzsche which specifically "pours scorn on the central concepts of Christianity" (the terms used in the City of London Festival brochure to describe Nietzsche's Also sprach Zarathustra, from which Delius drew his text).

Although by no means Christian, the text is simply an affirmation of the joy of life and its renewal. Since this is not a service of Christian worship but a concert organised by the City of Lon-don Festival, the Dean and Chapter felt its performance in St Paul's was

Yours etc. ERIC EVANS, The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4.

Food for thought

From Dr Mary P. E. Agass

Sir, During a visit to Bangkok two weeks ago, my hotel was offering fresh European (Dutch) asparagus on its menu. On my return to Oxford, I discovered equally succulent bunches of Thai asparagus on sale in my local supermarket. This is despite the fact that local English asparagus is now

Is the transportation of perishable. luxury food around the globe the most sensible use of the world's limited oil

Yours faithfully MARY P. E. AGASS. Hampden House, Clifton Hampden. Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

High society

From Professor Emeritus Edward

Sir. Although the names of so many great composers begin with early letters of the alphabet (letters, May 7, 11, 14, 15), especially B , this did not worry Wagner. He merely turned the musical world upside down.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD GARDEN, Balchraggan Farm House, Kirkhill, Inverness.

A troubling message to those in Ulster who trust democracy

in the immediate aftermath of the

by choosing violence, had excluded themselves from negotiations and any influence over new political structures in Ulster. In reality, both London and Dublin have danced to the republican flute. They have placed courting the IRA above attempting to make progress without it. Fergus Finlay, ister Dick Spring, declared that talks without Sinn Fein would "not be worth a penny candle" and, at a stroke, revealed that Dublin believed the republicans had an

struggle gets results.

THE FULL-TIME CANDIDATE

Dole's decision is dangerous but a good risk

The pundits of Washington DC have been shocked by the departure from the Senate of Bob Dole. All their varying interests were fixed on the failure of his presidential campaign: right-wing Republicans enjoyed themselves attacking his moderation while Democrats gloried in President Clinton's lead in the polls. Few expected so dramatic a move by Mr Dole to pull himself out of the

For a Senate majority leader of Mr Dole's standing to leave his power base brings high risks for the possibility of its high returns. If the basis on which he has made his gamble proves sound, then the decision could be the turning point of the whole campaign. If not, he can content himself that he went down

with guns blazing.

Dole campaigners made three assumptions. They believed that the Washington perception of his candidacy as stuck in a rut was both accurate and becoming more so. They decided that there was little point in relinquishing his post as majority leader while remaining in the Senate: he had either to run from his position or stand outside. Finally, the Republicans accepted that they could not frame the contest in the manner that they wanted as matters stood. If the election was a referendum on Mr Clinton or Mr Dole as public personalities, or liberalism and conservatism as political philosophies, their man could win. On the other hand, if it was cast as a popularity contest between Mr Clinton and the Republican Congress dominated by Newt Gingrich. then the President was a solid prospect for

re-election. Mr Dole appears to have wagered that his dramatic exit from the Senate would not be seen as an act of desperation; that it would seize the popular imagination and restore

purpose and enthusiasm to his campaign. Despite his impoverished campaign finances and laws which prevent him raising more money until after the Republican national convention in August, he hopes he can use media interest and money from other sources to run a professional performance over the next three months. This is perhaps the biggest risk in his repertoire.

He then needs to make personal character the central theme of the contest. He must hope that his natural advantages on this score will be helped by his willingness to lay down a much-loved office and the dignified manner in which he did so. He badly needs to revive at least some part of the conservative Republican support and attract those otherwise enticed by Ross Perot. Otherwise, it may prove impossible for him to escape association with Mr Gingrich and Capitol Hill.

Mr Dole now leaves Washington much earlier than expected. He has chosen his preferred means and field of battle. He will take his case to the American people. Some argue that his cause is doomed because he looks such a poor campaigner when compared with the President. This may prove true but it presumes that the slick will always triumph over the sincere. Mr Dole is not an inspiring speaker, although he was effective in his announcement on Wednesday. He does, however, have the type of compelling personal story -- poverty, adversity, heroism - which voters like. He has been an accomplished leader in the Senate. In his own inarticulate way he stands for kev tenets of American conservatism. His audacious move may come to nothing or even be seen in retrospect as mistaken. But it demonstrates that he has at least some of the right stuff to be President.

FAIR EXCHANGES

Feed your French friend well: he may become President

It was 46 years since they last met but time. it seemed, had only deepened the warmth of their greeting. When Jacques Chirac saw John King at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the two men returned immediately to their boyhood - to the time when, as tongue-tied teenagers, they played tennis, explored the postwar austerity of Paris and Rochester and stumbled through each other's languages during their summer

exchanges. Britain owes a debt to the King family: their warm reception of the French lad may have left lasting legacies. The boy who became his country's President never forgot his English, the Tyneside visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and the island to which he was to return in

splendour half a century later. It could have been so disastrously different. How many hundreds of families breathe a massive sigh of relief after the summer exchange and swear never again? The horror stories pass into family folklore: the time that Nicole slipped away after the picnic and was found, hours later, in the Dog and Fox surrounded by lascivious likely lads; Sarah's bewilderment at being thrust into a family evening of fast-talking Parisian aunts and uncles; Luc's insistence that all English food was dégueulasse; and Andrew's boredom at finding no discos, no pubs and no girls who spoke English in the

remote Brittany village. Children grow up, but the anti-French or anti-British prejudice formed at 15 can be just as strong 30 years later. So both the French and the British have an interest in promoting happy exchanges. There is much they cannot control: the weather, the food, the homesickness, the tendency of teenagers to be surly and withdrawn or determined to have as much fun as possible with the opposite sex. But local authorities, teachers and town twinning officials can do much to match families, neighbourhoods, schools and pupils with tact and common sense.

Anglo-French exchanges are the most intensive in Europe, with about 250,000 pupils of each country spending time in the other each year. This is far more than the numbers going to Germany, despite the money and effort spent by Bonn to lure young people there. The reason, of course, is language: English remains overwhelmingly the first foreign language in France and French - though it might be hard to guess from results - is the only language that Britons make any effort to learn.

Numbers have fallen in the past year. But John Major and President Chirac promised to reverse the fall by announcing new school partnerships for which the Government is ready to contribute £1 million over the next four years. The message for all those British families dreading the arrival of the young Dupont boy this summer is: make an effort. feed him well, keep him happy; for in 40 years' time you may find your hospitality repaid in the Elysée.

Opus Dei founder

From Mr Andrew Soane

cial consequences.

Sir, I have just seen your leader of. May 6, "Bless that soul?" [see also letters. May 14], which takes liberties with history in its caricature of the founder of Opus Dei.

The life of Blessed Josemaria Escriva during the Spanish Civil War is well documented by contemporary sources, and was examined during his beatification process.

He spent much of it as a recusant priest in Madrid, where thousands of clergy and religious met their deaths. and only later escaped through the Pyrenees to Andorra, Lourdes, and then to Spain again; but this time to Burgos, where life expectancy for priests was higher and he could openly carry out his pastoral work.

Your statement, that he 'was happy to see a foreign power help usurp legitimate rule to advance his religious ambitions", is not an interpretation which we believe to be supported by the facts.

Yours sincerely ANDREW SOANE (Director, Information Service). Opus Dei Prelature in Britain. Orme Court, W2. May 10.

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Investing in Burma

From Ms Zunetta Liddell Sir, Joanna Pitman, in her article to-

day, "British business marches slowly hack on the road to Mandalay", des cribes the growth, albeit slow, of UK companies investing in Burma. May I draw your attention to her own Magazine article of March 2, quoting opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi (whose party took 82 per cent of the seats in the 1990 election but to whom the military has refused to transfer

The British approach is certainly not some thing one could ever be proud of. These people are hurrying to make cosy little business deals while pretending that nothing is wrong. They need to be reminded that this is one of the most brutal military regimes in the world and putting money into the country now is simply supporting a system that is severely harmful to the people of

No investment in Burma today can avoid directly or indirectly benefiting

Human Rights Watch/Asia, 33 Islington High Street, NI. May 14.

ing country.

Yours sincerely

ZUNETTA LIDDELL

A little night music

From Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester, Gorton (Labour)

Sir, What claptrap Nicholas Kenyon writes (letter, May 15) about his new, downmarket Radio 3.

He talks about its "informed, approachable style of presentation". Informed? Is he referring to the factual errors in which, for example, a Beethoven piano concerto is given the wrong number? Or the mispronunciation, as when Serge Prokofiev's first name is made to sound like a type of

Approachable? Can he possibly be

alluding to the almost incessant banal chatter by "presenters", interrupted by the further banal chatter purveyed by recorded trailers for other infuriating programmes?

Most questionable of all is Mr Kenyon's claim that this degradation of Radio 3 has been inflicted because it draws in listeners who might not otherwise listen to the channel". The fact is that the audience for this jabbering Radio 3 has actually been

Yours sincerely, GERALD KAUFMAN, House of Commons.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 16: The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, today visited Glasgow and were received at Glasgow Airport by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Pairick Lally, the Rr Hon the Lord Provost) and the Secretary of State for Scotland (the Rt Hon Michael Forsyth, MP).

His Excellency, accompanied by His Royal Highness, this morning visited Easterhouse, was received by the Director of Housing, Glasgow City Council (Mr David Comley) and met people involved with The Prince's Trust Projects and those benefitting from the Trust and Scottish Business in the

Community schemes.
The President and The Prince of Wales subsequently visited St. Leonard's Secondary School and were received by the Headmaster (Mr Paul McBride). This afternoon The President of

the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac, with The Prince of Wales, were entertained to Lun-cheon at City Chambers by the Rt Hon the Lord Provost.

His Excellency and His Royal Highness later visited Pilkington Optronics and were received by the Chairman (Sir Robin

Madame Jacques Chirac this morning visited the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, and was received by the Chairman, Yorkhill NHS Trust (Mrs. Jone Company) Joan Cameron) This afternoon Madame Jacques Chirac visited the Burrell Collec-tion, Pollock Park, and was re-

ceived by Mr Julian Spalding (Director, Glasgow Museums).

The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, later flew back to Royal Air Force Northolt from Glasgow Airport.
The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew

MP (Secretary of State for North-ern Ireland) this evening called upon The President of the French Republic at Buckingham Palace. His Excellency Mr Ole Lensmann Poulsen was received in audience by The Queen and pre-sented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the

Kingdom of Denmark to the Court of St James's. Mrs Lansmann Poulsen was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

Mr histice Thomas was received by The Queen upon his appointby the Queen upon his appoint ment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the insignia of a

Mr Michael Scholar (Permanent Secretary, Welsh Office) was received by The Queen.

Edinburgh were entertained by The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac this evening at a Banquet at the French Residence, II Kensingtrin Palace Gardens, London W8. The Queen was represented by the Viscount De L'Isle (Deputy Lieutenant of Kent) at the Funeral

of Sir Howard Smith (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Russian Federation) which was held at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells,

> **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 16: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning received the Buckinghamshire and India South

His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Bucking-

Zone Gold Award Exchange

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 16: The Princess Royal, Patron, today attended the Royal Lymington Cup at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road, Lymington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended the British Olym-pic Appeal Dinner at Guildhall, ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 16: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Banquet given by The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacones Chirac at Kensington Palace Gar-dens, London W8.

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Gloucester were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The nt of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac at Il Kensington Palace Gardens, YORK HOUSE

May 16: The Duke of Kent, Member, this afternoon attended a Reception to commemorate recent tree planting, at the Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House, City Road, London ECL His Royal Highness, President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this afternoon presented the Annual Awards, the Barbican Arts and Conference Centre, Silk

Street, London EC2. The Duke of Kent this evening attended a reception to mark the launch of the book "Royal Insig-nia" at Spinks and Son Limited,

King Street, Landon SWI.
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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

RICHMOND PARK May 16: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained this evening at a banquet given by The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, 1749; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV. Brunswick, 1768; Erik Satie, composer, Honfleur, France, 1866.

DEATHS: Sandro Botticelli, ainter, Florence, 1510; Catherine, Empress of Russia 1725-27, St ersburg, 1727; Charles Maurice de Tallevrand-Périgord, states

Solicitors

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year:

by Alfred Northcliffe, 1890. The Daylight Saving Act was passed, 1916.

City of London

Master, Mr W.L. King; Senior Warden, Dr J.F. Avery Jones; Junior Warden, Mr R.D. Fox.

Memorial service

Miss Margaret Courtenay
A celebration of the life of Miss
Margaret Courtenay was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden, The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Actors' Church Union. officiated, Canon Bill Hall, Actors' Church Union, led the prayers and

pronounced the blessing.
Mr John Warner, Mr Simon Green and Miss Jennie Goossens gave addresses. Among others

oresent were:
Mr and Mrs Julian CourtenayPinneid (son and daughter-in-iaw),
Mr Steffan Morgan and Rachel
Courtenay-Pinfield (grandchildren),
Mr and Mrs David Evans (brother
and stret-in-iaw).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Mr Vernon Dobtcheff, unavoidably detained by professional commitments abroad, deeply regress that he was unable to attend the memorial service for Ms Margaret Courtenay.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as oatron of the Bowles Rock Trust, will visit the Bowles outdoor centre and open the new lodge at Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells at 12.15. The Princess Royal, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will receive the keys of the City of Edinburgh and hold a reception at the Palace of

Luncheon

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday at I Carlton Gardens in honour of M Hervé de Charette, French Foreign Minister.

Appointment

sador to Belgium in succession to Sir John Gray who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service at the

Madam Speaker in full bloom MINISTERS may dream of a seat in the Lords and backbenchers of a humble knighthood but few can even hope to have a rose named after them (James Landale writes). Betty Boothroyd yesterday won such a plaudit and proved once again that, in Westminster and beyond, her

popularity far outweighs that of any other MP. At a windswept champagne ceremony on the terrace at the House of Commons yesterday, she was presented with a new rose named "Madam Speaker". "I didn't want it to carry my name," she told MPs. "I wanted it to carry the position that I hold and to embody the support that you gave me in becoming the first Madam Speaker in well over 600 years. It is an enormous privilege. You have no idea what a delight it is. I hope that this rose will embody the characteristics that I think every Speaker should have: hardy by nature, disease-free, flourishes in all conditions and a pleasure to

Lincoln's Inn The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Lord

Justice Peter Gibson, and the Masters

of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of

Army Board General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of

the General Staff, was the host at a dinner given by the Army Board last

dimer given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, in honour of General Henry H. Shelton, Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command, Among those present were Lady Guthrie, Sir Moray and Lady Stewart, General Sir Michael and Lady Rose, Sir William and Lady Barlow, Professor Sir David Davies, FRS, and

have around." The idea was sown by MPs on the all-party Gardening Group when BBC Radio Gardeners' Question Time came to the Commons last year. With the help of the makers of Baby Bio plant fertiliser, the new rose was created at Selection Meilland, one of Europe's leading rose breeders. It is a large flowered Hybrid tea of dark red blooms bordered by cream and yellow with a strong perfume, and will go on sale in autumn next

Few MPs have been honoured this way. A recent exception is Baroness Thatcher, whose rose is described in the official rose handbook as "upright, large and porceline pink".

There is even a rose called the "Blair ii". which, although not connected to the Labour leader, is perceptively described as "an attractive, rapid climber which unfortunately only blooms once".

Dinners

Lady Davies, General Sir Brian and Lady Kenny, General Sir Bdward and Lady Jones, Mrs Shelton, Lleureann-General and Mrs Sam Cowan, Major-General and Mrs Tim Granville-Chapman, Mr and Mrs Corelle Greenstock, Mr and Mrs Coreny, Barnett and Colonel and Mrs Hank

Were
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Colemine, Lord and Lady Woolf, Lord Menuhin, OM. Str Raiph Gibson, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, Lady Preer, Gibson, Lady Antonia Praser, Mr Justice Lindsay, Mrs Justice Hale, Sir Basil Hall, Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth, Dame Antoinette Sibley, Sir Ghillean Prance, FRS, Dr Julian Farrand, QC. Mr Stanley W F Martin. Mr Edward Nugse (treasurer, Inner Temple), Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, Ireasurer, Middle Temple), Professor Mervyn King, Professor Basil Markesinis, Mr Richard Lambert and Captain P M Carver, RN, (under treasurer).

Army Rosard Parish Clerks' Company Mr J.C.B. Wittich, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by the Rev Graham Blacktop and Mr O.W.H. Clark, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons Hall Mr L. Lewis, Parish Clerk of St George's, Bloomsbury, and Mr P. Sutherland were the

Speakers.
Earlier, the company amended
Holy Communion at the Church of St
Vedast, Foster Lane. Old Stoic Society Lord Justice Simon Brown. (OS), was

the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Old Stoic Society held last night at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, Lord Rees, QC. President for 1996-97 also spoke. Mr John Fingleton who was elected chairman for 1996-99at the annual meeting held earlier, presided. Mr David Wyane, Mr Bob Drayson. the Chairman of the Stow School Gov-

ernors and the Headmaster of Stowe School were among those present. European-Atlantic Group Ambassador Robert Hunter,

Permanent Representative to Nato, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held the European-Manue of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Browne, MP, who was in the chair. Lord Dahrendorf presided at a dinner held afterwards at the St Ermin's Hotel. Ambassadors and other members of the Diplomatic Corps and members of both Houses

present. Institution of Mining and Metallurgy Dr J.D.G. Groom, President of the

Institution of Mining and Met-allurgy, was in the chair at the annual dinner held last night at the Cafe Royal Lord Taylor of Gryfe, and Sir Derek and Lady Birkin were

Captain Richard Sharpe, RN, Editor of Jane's Fighting Ships, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Cafe Royal, Captain J. Hall presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Blocm and Miss L.M. Dunster The engagement is announced between Willem, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Bloem, of Waddinxveen, Netherlands, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Dunster, of Purbrook, Hampshire. Dr A.D. Booth

KIERAN DOHERTI

and Dr T.R. Pedler The engagement is announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr Robert Booth and Mrs Maureen O'Donnell, and Tamsin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin

Mr R.S. Bowie and Miss T.J. Harrington The engagement is announced between Sheridan, only son of lan Bowie, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Mrs Ann Tyler, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Tracy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harrington, of Grouville, Jersey. Mr J.P. Bowles

and Miss A.L.B. Galloway The engagement is announced between James Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Bowles, of Carmyle, Glasgow, and Amber Lucinda Barrington, only daughter of Mr Christopher Barrington Galloway, of Newnham Bridge, Shropshire, and Mrs Judy Galloway, of Charles Street, London.

Mr T.W.O. Cohen

and Miss Y.M. Zhang and Miss Y.M. Zhang
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Cohen, of Nayland, Suffolk, and Yingmin (Margaret) Zhang, of Shanghai, China.

Squadron Leader B.M. Griffiths and Miss B.B. Landing. and Miss R.P. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Barrie, eldest son of the late Mr Peter Griffiths and of Mrs Joan Griffiths, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Harrison, of Pinner, Middlesex. Licutenant H.I. Gunn

The engagement is announced between lain, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Gunn, of Broseley, Shropshire, and Caroline, daughter of Dr and Mrs Raphael Balcon, of Regents Park, London.

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr James Ellery, of Longueville, Jersey, and Mrs Rosemary Ellery. of Fulham, London, and Sarah. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John E. Kemp, of Fremington,

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Mr M.R.B. Mounde

and Miss L. Manson The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Michael Mounde, of Kingston Deverill, Wiltshire, and Laren, only daughter of the late Mr Peter Manson and of Mrs Helen Pascoe, and stepdaughter of Mr Brian Pascoe, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr L.A.D. Pender-Cudlin and Miss V.E. Sugden

The engagement is announced between Luke, elder son of Captain and Mrs David Pender-Cudlip, of Wimbledon, and Victoria, daughter of Major General and Mrs Francis Sugden, of Chelsea. Mr C.R.V. Thor

and Miss C.M. Cowie The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Professor and Mrs Charles Thomas, of Truro, Cornwall, and Caroline, younger daughter of the Hon Lord and Lady Cowie, of

Marriage

Mr J.P. Barbour and Miss C.C. Jeffcock The marriage took place yesterday at Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, SW3, between Mr Jason Patrick Barbour, younger son of Mr Patrick Barbour and Mrs Barbara Barbour, and Miss Cordelia Caro-line Jeffcock, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffcock. Pather Noian officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Sophy Hewitt, Chloe Jeffcock and Oliver Jeffcock. Mr Oliver Gibbs was best man. A reception was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Airlie, KT, 70: Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Baird, 72; Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, 73: Miss Cicely Berry, voice director. Royal Shakespean Company. 70; Mr Keith Bradley, MP, 46; Sir Rodric Braithwaite, diplomat, 64: Professor D. Cameron Watt, historian, 68; Sir Charles Cawley, scientist, 89; Mr Timothy Cordy, director, Town and Country Planning Associ-ation, 47; Professor J.D. Craggs, electrical engineer, 81; Mr Paul Crossley, concert pianist, 52; Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, 57; Mr J.R. Evans, chairman, Welsh Water. 45; Sir John Garlick, civil servant,

Sir Ronald Halstead, former deputy chairman, British Steel, 69; Professor Raymond Hide, geophysicist, 67; Sir Colin Hope, chairman and chief executive, T & Mr A.A. Johnson, trade unionist, 46: Professor Arthur Jones, Principal, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 64; Mr Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer, 40; Sir Eric Alton College

Westland Aircraft, 90; Miss Birgit Nilsson, soprano, 74; Sir Alec Ogilvie, former chairman, Powell Duffryn, 83: Lieutenant-General Sir Douglas Packard, 93; Sir Edward Playfair, civil servant, 87; Canon P.B. Price, general sec-retary, USPG, 52; Mr Michael Service dinner Roberts, jockey, 42; Lord Tombs, 72; Captain Sir Miles Wingate, former deputy master, Trinity David Young, 70.

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Lectures

Royal Society Professor Julian E. Davies, FRS, delivered the 1996 Royal Society Lecuwenhock lecture last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS, president of the society, was the host.

London Goodenough Trust The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Peter Pepper Memorial Lecture at the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, WCi, last

Lord Tenby delivered the Founda-tion Lecture last night. Daneala Jewers introduced the speaker,

and Tom Mardling proposed the

Wratten, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, and in the KAF Strike Command, and Lady Wratten received the guests at a dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe in honour of the Honorary Air Commodores of the Royal Auxil-Air Commodores of the Royal Auxuriary Air Force. The Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Mrs Soames, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, and Lady Graydon, and Sir Hector Monro, Lancaure Tomoston Campage and Honorary Inspector-General, and Lady Monro, were among those

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FRANKARI - On May 18th at The Tarzer Home Hospics, Joan Mary (sås Dullou) of Brighton, Sussex, dearly beloved with of the late ha. Fashum and loving mother of Carolyn and Kinguley and grandmother of Emma and Natasha. Funeral Service and Interment of Christ 10 Queen Anne Street Landon W1M OBD,

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NEURRAY - On 15th May, Ellent aged 85 in the wonderful care of the Doctors and Starr of the Doctors and Starr of the Chelsen & Westminster Hospital (London), Loved and despir regreted by her star. Sister Helen Murray of Lovelo Hell, Doblin and all her family and her many friends. Requiem Mans at Holy Apostian, Winchester Street, SW1. on Tuesday 21x May 10 am followed by private crematics. Enquires

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Group F.L.c. to which he devoted a working life of great distinction from 1982. Funeral Service at 2 pm on 24th May at 6t Many's Church. Thorpe, Surrey. followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but desirtions, if desired, may be sept to the Reliah Dishelic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street. London WIM OBD.

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FOORS - On May 14th 1996, Sidney Frank, peacatoly at Onklands, Winchcomby, aged 103. Senior English Master at Harrow County Boy's School 1922 to 1982. Funtual Service will take place at Chelismham Crumaterium Chapel on Wednesday May 22nd at 3gm. Femily flower only. If desired, donations for Winchcomby Daycare Foundation of 9 Salam Smith. Winchrombe Daycare Foundation c/o Selim Smith & Co. Ltd., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. G1.52 5DU, nº: (01242) 525383.

MacKAY - Marparet Christina, on 13th May 1996, dear sister of Whitivel and Jeen, Headmistress of Windoor High School from 1962 to 1975. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Frances Read. Windoor at 1.45 yes on Wednesday 22nd May, followed by cremation at Stough Crematorium at 2.30 pm. McMAIR - Joen Murici, Widow of the late Crawford Stair McNair, See under White, Joen Murici,

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Lieutenant-General Calvin Waller, deputy commander-in-chief of US forces during the Gulf War, died of a heart attack in Washington on May 9 aged 58. He was born in Baton Rouge Louisiana, on December 17, 1937.

WHEN, in December 1990, Cal Waller told a press conference in Riyadh that the coalition forces would not be ready for action against Iraq until at least a month after the United Nations deadline of January 15, 1991, he was widely regarded as having made a grievous blunder. His statement appeared to contradict President Bush's public assertions that relentless coalition pressure would be applied to Iraq before the UN deadline.

For several days it was even speculated that he would be relieved of his post as deputy to General Norman Schwarzkopf, C-in-C of American forces in the Middle East theatre. Yet Waller was proved right; the ground attack element of Operation Desert Storm did not, in fact, begin until the fourth week of February.

On a deeper level Waller was

acting to the "can-do-ism" which had infected the US high command twenty years before, and which had led to a toll of 58,000 American dead in Vietnam. The quietly eloquent wall in a Washington park on which the names of those thousands of the fallen are inscribed was always in his mind's eye whenever he heard fellow officers being rashly optimistic about operational prospects, or when he was faced with the demands of politicians for immediate military action in the name of the expectations of the American

Although at that time Schwarzkopf was among those who regarded Waller's statement to the press as at least a public relations gaffe, he certainly did not hold it against his subordinate. When, less than a fortnight before the ground forces were to move, General ohn Yeosock, commander of the US Third Army, fell seriously ill and had to be sent to hospital for an operation, Schwarzkopf unhesitatingly put Wal-ler in command of the US invasion troops.

But Waller was not to get his moment of glory. Three days after major surgery for a gall bladder complaint, the incredibly tough Yeosock was up and about, pestering Schwarzkopf to let him have his command back. To his chagrin, Waller had to give way.

But he had already performed an invaluable task for the coalition cause. By the side of his ferocious and volatile boss he may have seemed an almost invisible figure during the Gulf build-up. But he was a voice of reason amid the often incandescent exchanges between Schwarzkopf and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell. His steadying influence ensured that the command structure in the Gulf continued to function and equipment.



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that frequently blew about it. Calvin Agustine Hoffman Waller grew up in an impoverished background in America's Deep South. As he was later to say, as an American black his opportunities were "either postman or teacher" or going into the Army. Having decided on the third option he had intended to stay only three years and then get out and take himself to veterinary school on the GI

But after going to the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he found that he was beginning to enjoy army life. After graduating from Prairie View A & M University in 1959. he climbed steadily through the ranks with extended service in Korea before being posted to the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

In May 1969 Waller was sent to Vietnam on a 12-month posting as a chemical operations officer. It was an experience which gave him an acute insight into the morale problems caused by confusion at the higher levels of command as to objectives and methods. Like Schwarzkopf, who did two tours of duty in Vietnam, he was one of that generation of officers who were at first disillusioned by the massive defects they could see in the US Army at all levels, and then realised that there was nothing essentially wrong with the fighting qualities of the American soldier. Both men worked hard to create what had become, by the beginning of the 1980s, a force whose calibre and morale matched its size and the quality of its

After his return from Vietnam Waller served in a variety of administrative posts in the United States and Europe, becoming Commander of the US 8th Infantry Division in Germany in 1987. By this time the US Army was unrecognisable from the scarred and demoralised force of the 1970s. Next he was Commanding General of the 1st Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington, a post which gave him responsibility for more than 100,000 personnel. By the time he was made Schwarzkopf's deputy in the Gulf, therefore, he had

wide experience of command and staff

appointments, and knew a good deal

Although it was assumed that Waller's appointment had been approved by the Defence Secretary, Dick Cheney, specifically to give some counterbalance to the ferocious passions that were apt to be unleashed when Schwarzkopf was on the warpath, Waller enjoyed his boss's complete trust. Although Schwarzkopf enjoyed "scaring the sh** out of people", he knew he did not frighten his softspoken but tough deputy. He could walk into my office and say pointblank. Hey, something's all screwed up, it's your fault and you need to know about it." Schwarzkopf recalled approvingly of Waller in his memoirs. Indeed, when it came to action,

Waller lacked nothing of the aggression of his chief. When on the second day of the ground campaign Schwarzkopf expressed some surprise at the apparently slow progress of US VII Corps, Waller expostulated, "Goddamit Sir, we've gotta make 'em move out!" and, seizing a phone, was prepared to give the corps commander Marion, and by two sons.

a personal rocket. Schwarzkopf was compelled to remind him he was no longer commander of the Third Army and urged him to show restraint. Waller need not have become so worked up. In the event Operation Desert Storm was a crushing defeat for the Iraqi Army, ending on February 28, 1991, after only a hundred hours of fighting. Coalition casualties were so low that they astonished him. Sixty thousand Iraqi prisoners were taken, against a coalition PoW count of fewer

than fifty. Like Schwarzkopf, Waller retired from the Army before the year was out. In some quarters his leaving at the comparatively early age of 53 was seen as a reflection of his dissatisfaction with the way in which the Bush Administration had conducted the Gulf War. The impression was strengthened when Waller became one of a group of senior officers who endorsed Bill Clinton in his 1992 presidential campaign. Waller was soon to disagree with President Clinton, however, over the latter's attempt to allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces; he told the Senate Armed Forces Committee that this would lead to "a second-rate force".

After his retirement, Waller moved to Denver and served as president and chief executive officer of RKK, an environmental technology company. He later joined ICF Kaiser Environmental, an energy group, as senior vice-president, and was in charge of the company's Rocky Flats environmental technology site at the time of his

Calvin Waller is survived by his wife

HIS HON ANTHONY BULGER

His Honour Anthony Bulger, former County Court and Circuit Judge, died on May 5 aged 83. He was born on October 5, 1912.

TONY BULGER was Britain's longest-serving circuit judge on his retirement in 1986. He presided for 14 years at Gloucester Crown Court, where he was widely respected for his robust and commonsense approach. Although not a brilliant lawyer, Bulger's sense of fairness and decency meant that he usually got the right result.

Bulger was fond of telling counsel to "grasp the nettle". He liked to get down to the nitty-gritty in each case and was rarely impressed by clever legal argument. When it came to summing-up, he was skilful at booting technical submissions into touch and steering the jury towards the right verdict on the facts.

In the well-known case of Binions v Evans (1972), which involved a widow's right to remain in a tied cottage after it was sold, Bulger, as usual, concentrated on equity. The old lady stayed put. In the Court of Appeal, Lord Denning said that he agreed with Bulger "entirely", while another appeal judge said that happily the law was "what it ought to be".

Never afraid to demonstrate his feelings, Bulger could get very grumpy if he felt restricted by the fine detail of the statute books. Though in many ways unpretentious and sensible, he could also be quite forthright, and earned himself a reputation for colourful offthe-cuff remarks.

In 1974 in Gloucester Divorce Court he reprimanded a woman petitioner for wearing a lacy, lemon-coloured, almost transparent trouser-suit. "I dislike women wearing trousers in court," he told her. When she remarked that it was her first time in court, Bulger came back with the retort: "It's not like coming to a funfair." He ignored the woman's offer to take her trousers off for the remainder of her hearing - though that saucy reaction on her part perhaps vindicated his original objection.

On another occasion, Bulger asked prison officials to stop cooking during court sittings as the smell of liver and onions which wafted up from the cells below court was putting him off. He also raised until the Beeching Crown his son and daughter.

eyebrows by his reference to a blackmail case as "piddling" and upset local mental health workers in Gloucester when he asked a defendant if he wanted to end up "in a loony

Anthony Clare Bulger was born in Hertfordshire. His father died prematurely and he and his sister were brought up by their mother, an intrepid traveller, who would take them off to places such as Yugoslavia and Turkey for summer holidays. Educated at Rugby and Oriel College, Oxford, where he read law, he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1936.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Bulger gained a commission in the 27th Lancers. He fought with the Eighth Army through North Africa and Italy, where he was wounded at Monte Cassino, and then on into Austria. He was mentioned in dispatches and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

After the war, Bulger returned to Sir Neil Lawson's chambers at I Harcourt Buildings, Middle Temple, but soon moved with his family to live at Forthampton in Gloucestershire. His practice as a barrister consisted of general common law, mainly on the old Oxford Circuit. He served as Recorder of Abingdon. 1962-63, having already been appointed deputy chairman of the Oxfordshire Quarter Sessions in 1958 and becoming deputy chairman of the Worcestershire Quarter Sessions in 1962. He was chairman of the Gloucestershire Quarter Sessions from 1970 Court system was introduced in 1972, when he became Gloucester's first presiding

Bulger was charming and helpful on the bench, particularly to young barristers. He hated long-winded and pomp ous counsel, however, and would often intervene to cut out the waffle. On entering court. Bulger would give a little wave to the jury as well as to a tramp named Raymond who frequented the public gallery. He liked to get a move on, and would often begin sentencing defendants before he had sat down. His tendency to move on to the next grammatical sentence before finishing the previous one made him the bane of shorthand writers.

Bulger was very much a countryman. He was chairman of the Ledbury Hunt and had hunted in his youth, foxes mainly but also chamois during the war in Austria. He was good shot, and enjoyed fishing. He was also fond of the Turf, and had a box at Cheltenham. During Gold Cup week he would get through his list with notice able alacrity.

Although a Roman Catholic, Bulger was ecumenical in his churchgoing habits. A jolly, clubbable man, he was well liked by a broad spectrum of the Gloucestershire community, for whom he represented one of the last links with the old Oxford Circuit. He will be missed at the first reunion dinner of that circuit this autumn.

Bulger's wife Una predeceased him. He is survived by

DONALD EDGAR

Donald Edgar. journalist, died on May 12 aged 79. He was born on June 26, 1916.

DONALD EDGAR was the journalist who, perhaps more than any other, reintroduced his readers to the pleasures of peace and plenty after war and austerity. As a columnist of Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, he wrote in the first half of the 1950s - between the Festival of Britain and the coming of rock and roll. But although he did turn his attention to such as Lady Docker, Gilbert Harding and the weddings of Grace Kelly to Prince and Dawn Add-us to Prince Vittorio turned home to be awarded a

Massimo, his reports were usually his own urbane, discursive impressions of, say. Henley Royal Regatta, the launch of a ship, watching ballet, flying in the Comet or an unexpectedly critical look

at the ethos of Gordonstoun. Donald Edgar was born in London and educated at Dulwich College. Starting work in the City, he passed his evenings at the City Literary Institute or a Territorial Army drill-hall, Mobilised in 1939, he was an infantry sergeant with the 51st Highland Division when taken prisoner at St Valery in 1940. After five years as a prisoner of war in Poland and Czechoslovakia, he retwo-year scholarship at Oriel College, Oxford.

In 1947 he became a journalist in Fleet Street, first on the "Peterborough" column of The Daily Telegraph and then as editor of the Daily Mail's diary column, then named Who? Why? Where?, but re-fashioned round Edgar, whose nom de plume was "Paul Tanfield". On the whole he was kindly and not intrusive but he succeeded in annoying John Osborne, who was said to have written his play The World of Paul Slickey about the gossip columnist he imagined Edgar to

was engaged by Arthur young man who prompted the

Christiansen, the Editor of the Daily Express, and his report of the Coronation made his name. In the robing room of the Abbey, he noted details of the behaviour and conversation of the famous as they awaited their entrances; he also sighted the first evidence of the love between Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend, when he saw her smilingbrush a piece of fluff from the Group Captain's uniform.

The verve of his reporting led to him being given the "William Hickey" byline, which had hitherto been used only by Tom Driberg, who had gone into politics. With only one assistant, a burly

nicknaming of the pair "Poet and Peasant", Edgar himself wrote almost daily. His column was often a single account of an experience, which read like an adventure, seen through a fresh and highly individual eye: a meal with a celebrity, going to the races, attendance at some ceremonial occasion, or just the passing scene. He could be effusive: "Oh, London! I was drunk with the joy of you yesterday. Drunk with the bliss of being alive in London in May. It is a city of blossom and fresh green leaf. A city of sunshine and massed tulips. And also this week a city of expectancy..." It was he who saw that the King's Road in Chelsea

a new youth culture. Edgar's column caught the wide-eyed expectancy of postwar Britain. Lord Beaver-brook was delighted by it, Christiansen telling Edgar: "He said you seemed to be having a wonderful time meeting all these people and that the enjoyment came through. He said you were the first columnist he had had who seemed to like people. To tell you the truth, I was surprised the old man liked you liking

was to become the highway of

For a journalist as highlystrung and hard-working as Edgar, there were bound to be occasional problems and several changes of job. In 1956 he



became a foreign correspondent, reporting Cyprus terrorism and then covering the assault on Suez, before returning to the "Hickey" column as head of a team of journalists. Moving to the Evening Standard, he continued as a roving correspondent, reporting the war in Algeria and the build-

ing of the Berlin Wall, before becoming a memorable editor of the Londoner's Diary". where he was to be remembered for his patient instruction of young reporters.

A tall, good-looking man with emotions close to the surface, he was one of those sociable, versatile journalists

was the craft-street of the newspaper trade. Like some of the best Beaverbrook journalists, he supported the Labour

bred in Fleet Street when it

He left Fleet Street in the 1960s to go into public relations for Texaco, then engaged in exploration for oil in the North Sea. After his retirement, he lived quietly with his wife Rosalie in their Chelsea flat and, unlike some highmettled journalists of his time, did not find leisure a problem.

He wrote a number of books about London and the Royal Family and four volumes of memoirs. Having learnt German and Russian while a prisoner of war, he put the languages to good use, studying German and Russian history, literature and music, and always had some intellectual project in hand. No longer the affluent columnist, he enjoyed simple pleasures, once telling a friend that he and his wife had just been spending a magical day, which turned out to have been a visit to a local

park in spring. Edgar suffered and overcame with courage and optimism two major ailments before his last, short, illness. Friends of his Fleet Street years, seeing him in old age. would be astonished by his activity of mind.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

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Practically everything is in readiness at Epsom for the automatic telephone experiment, and at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the new system will come into operation. This is the first experiment of its kind in Great Britain, and the Post Office authorities are confident that it will prove as great a success in this country as it has done in America. Canada, and other countries.

Each of the subscribers in Epsom will, under the new system, be able to ring up another Epsom subscriber direct without having to give the number required to the local exchange. To each subscriber's telephone is affixed a calling dial with two discs, one about an inch above the other. The lower, a fixed one, bears figures, and the upper, a movable one, has holes. A finger inserted in one of these holes will be over a figure on the lower disc, and the finger has to be inserted in the hole corresponding to the digit to be signalled. The movable disc has then to be turned round as far as possible for each digit to be signalled. the subscriber having to allow the disc to come to rest before signalling a fresh digit. If the required subscriber's line is engaged an

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In this experiment 320 telephone subscribers in Epsom were able to dial other numbers in the town themselves instead of having to ask the operator to get the number for them.

intermittent buzz will, as at present, indicate the fact. An Epsom subscriber to ring up a subscriber in the London telephone area outside Epsom has to signal a specified number. It is 15 for the City, 17 for the Thames Valley, and 16 for South London. Having signalled the number, he waits for the operator, to whom he gives the number he wants and his own number. For a trunk call "0" has to be signalled, the reply to the operator being the number required and the subscriber's number. Under the automatic system the services of a large number of the girl operators are dispensed with, but it remains to be proved whether the cost of maintenance under the new system will be higher than under the old one.

THE PARIS BANDITS

An earlier report in The Times had described how the stronghold of the "motor-car bandits" had been stormed after a nine-hour siege and three ringleaders shot.

sensational circumstances of the siege of the bandits at Nogent-sur-Marne. M. Guichard, Chief of the Detective Service, points out that, although there were 400 Zouaves and 300 policemen on the scene on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, their presence was required to preserve order in consequence of the great crowds of spectators that had Indeed, the forces of order were insufficient

There has been a good deal of criticism of the

to cope with the multitude, since after the destruction of the bandits and their lair people invaded the ruins of the villa and plundered it in order to obtain souvenirs. In the rush three of the bullet-proof shields of the police

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The Prime Minister's efforts to end

republican violence are understandable but the wisdom of

his current approach must be

The full-time candidate

Mr Dole's audacious move may

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retrospect as mistaken. But it

demonstrates that he has at least

some of the right stuff to be

Britain owes a debt to the King

family: their warm reception of the

French lad may have left lasting

Fair exchanges

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The wrong step

Labour gets tough on teenage crime

■ Young offenders could face a "three strikes and you're out" approach to crime under Labour, which plans to bring persistent teenage lawbreakers before the courts more quickly.

Labour leaders want to end the trend of repeat cautioning. which they say has led teenagers to assume that no action will be taken even if they commit a series of petty offences. A Labour government would expect police to to bring to court any juvenile committing a third minor offence

Diving coach suspended over sex claims

■ The British Olympic diving coach has been suspended after being questioned by child protection officers over allegations of indecent assault in the 1980s. Mike Edge, 45, and a female former diving champion were arrested last month. It is under-

Jungle ordeal

A British hostage watched helplessly as two fellow captives were killed with machetes and a poison arrow by Papuan rebels when special forces attacked their jun-.....Pages 1, 13 gle base...

University league

Cambridge University retains a slim lead over Oxford in the latest annual Times university rankings Pages 1, 34, 35

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Senior Conservative MPs threatened to resign the party whip if the Prime Minister allows allparty Northern Ireland talks to continue without agreement on the decommissioning of terrorist weaponsPage 2

Leukaemia cluster

Three children in the same school class in Camelford, Cornwall, have contracted leukaemia but a link to contamination of the town's drinking water in 1988 has been dismissed...Page 3

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sexual fantasies by murdering a nine-year-old boy were jailed for life with a recommendation that they never be freed......Page 5 Judiciary shake-up

The judiciary faces far-reaching change when the new holders of the two most influential posts in the English justice system are announced next week Page 6

Payout for RAF mother

An RAF servicewoman who was separated from her four-monthold baby and posted to a base 300 miles away when she returned from maternity leave has won £10.000 compensation..... Page II

Salt health warning

Britons are eating too much salt but the food industry and the Government are refusing to take action, experts say. Many processed foods contain as much salt

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as seawater In an effort to woo the youth vote before the presidential election. President Yeltsin said that only

volunteer soldiers would be sent

to Chechenia Page 14 Petticoat power

Elizabeth Dole was the prime mover behind her husband Bob's desperate attempt to save his presidential campaign by leaving his beloved Senate.......... Page 15 Premier sworn in

Atal Behari Vajpayee was sworn in as Prime Minister of India, perhaps for the shortest taste of power in the history of the

Airports on alert

Israel ordered a security alert at airports and ports after it was disclosed that a terrorist who blew himself up had been planning to destroy an El Al jet in midair...

£1.3bn Star Wars revival in the can

■ George Lucas, creator of the Star Wars film trilogy, is to make three more of the science fiction epics, aimed at fans from a new teenage generation, after clinching the biggest deal in cinema history. Lucas, writer-director of Star Wars (1977), The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and Return of the Jedi (1983), has agreed the £1.3 billion contract with Pepsi Page 3



Richard Pearce, a lifeboat helmsman, with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's silver medal, which he received yesterday for saving the lives of Liza Vittrup, left, and Vicky Knight when they were swept off the beach and into the sea under Brighton pier

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Valerie Grove talks to Simon Gray about the pain of his play Cell Mates and the greater pain of being told, wrongly, that he was

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A moratorium is probably too

BERNARD LEVIN I have to say now, about Mr Carl Andre, that although he is obviously not a charlatan, what he is is an

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Bob Dole has strengths that a pub-

much to ask a tiny country like Nepal, whose economy has been transformed by climbers and trekkers. But it would be a good thing if this past week's tragedy convinced foreigners that Everest is an adventure to be shunned by all but the most serious and dedicated people

PAUL BARKER

Labour's agonising matches the tussle over the introduction of child. benefit in the first place under the last Labour administration. It is evidence of how a Blair government might shape up under the

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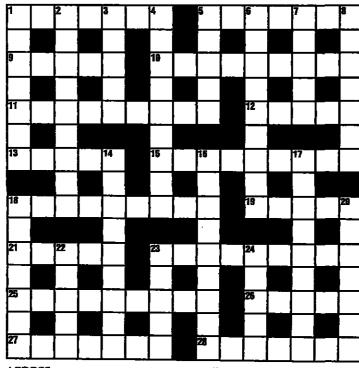
Lord Nolan has become a bogey to many Tory MPs, and not just the silly tendency. But they misread both the man and his proposals. Far from being a Trojan Horse for a sinister Labour plot to change the character of the Commons, Lord Nolan is traditional in his instincts and attitudes

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FORECAST

☐ General: bright spells in most places but some showers. Many

parts of England and Wales will be rather cloudy In the north there may be showers but many places will stay dry. In the south it should be wet in places, with the rain gradually edging north into Lincolnshire. Southernmost counties may brighten later but it will feel

cold in the stiff northeast wind. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright with showers. There will be sunny periods.

☐ London, SE England, East Anglia: an overcast and wet morn-ing. Brighter and drier for a time then further rain later. Wind moderate or fresh, northeast. Cold. Maximum 8-

11C (46-52F). ☐ Central S England, E Mid-lands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales, Central N: overcast with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. Winds moderate, northeast. Cold. Maximum 10C (50F).

☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England: mainly dry with sunny periods after early trost. Cloudier later. Wind light, northeast. Chilly. Maximum 11C

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dun-dee, Aberdeen, SW Scottand, ow, Central Highlands, Mo ray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: bright with sunny periods and showers, some heavy, sleet on highest hills. Wind light, north-east. Chilly. Maximum 9-11C (48-52F).

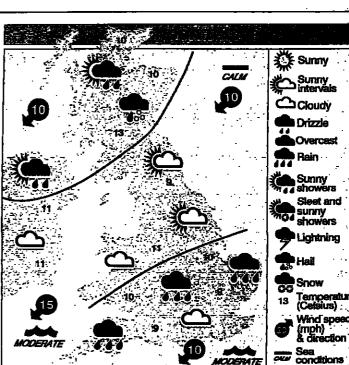
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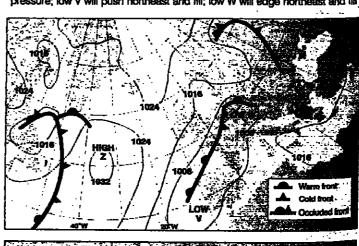
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Alfred McAlpine directors arrested in Revenue raid

BY CLARE STEWART AND ROBERT MILLER

TWO board directors of Aldred McAlpine, the construction group, were arrested yesterday morning in an Inland Revenue swoop on two of the company's offices, in which a number of documents were seixed.

Eric Grove, a non-executive director, and Graeme McCallum, managing director of the homes division. were arrested, as was Derek Green, a self-employed investment consul-

tant with Gerrard Vivian Gray, a leading private client stockbroker.

A spokeswoman for the Inland Revenue said: "We visited a number of premises in London and the Midlands and three arrests were made by the police. The three men were arrested on charge of conspira-

cy to commit false accounting."

The investigation into the three men was led by the Special Compliance Office, an executive arm of the Inland Revenue, using powers granted under Section 20c of the Taxes Management Act. Such powers are used rarely. The special tax investigators have to persuade the Board of the Inland Revenue of the strength of their case before going to a judge to seek search warrants. The Revenue charges relate solely

to personal affairs of the three men. A statement by the construction company said the Revenue's raid "is not in any way related to the business or tax position of Alfred McAlpine PLC or any of its subsidiaries". Mr Grove, 66, a property developer living at Lapworth, near Solihull, is a multi-millionaire and a former director of Coventry City Football Club, of which he is president. He holds the second-largest stake in Alfred McAlpine and has a holding of just over 14 per cent, including non-beneficial shares, worth £17.3

million at yesterday's closing price. Mr Grove acquired his stake after selling his housebuilding business. Canberra, to Alfred McAlpine in 1988 for more than £25 million. In the year to December last year, he

earned £208,000 as a non-executive

Mr McCallum, 49, of Bromsprove, joined Alfred McAlpine in 1988, after the merger of Canberra with McAlpine Homes. He was previously managing director of Canberra. He became a McAlpine director in 1990. Last year, Mr McCallum's salary package totalled £136,000. He has a small shareholding and options over a further 135,000 shares. The Solihull-based Homes division saw operating profits fall by a third to £11.5 million. as group profits in the year to December 1995

fell to a pre-tax loss of £23.5 million. Mr Green, 53, who works from the stockbroker's London office, is registered as an authorised individual to conduct investment business by the Securities and Futures Au-

A spokesman for Gerrard Vivian Gray said that the Inland Revenue investigation did not involve the

consumers rushed to find

Lamb prices rose nearly 17 per cent and pork 10 per cent, while beef prices fell 2.5 per

cent. However, statisticians said that they expected beef

prices to rise a little this month

and for the price of other meats to level off.

Although the underlying rate has stubbornly stuck at

nearly 3 per cent, economists believe, along with the Bank of

England, that it will now start

dropping. Sharp falls in pro-

ducer output prices in recent

months as well as surveys of

manufacturers' price expectations suggest that even under-lying inflation should start

dropping. The headline rate

should benefit again in May

One remarkable figure to

from cuts in mortgage rates.

emerge yesterday was a fall in

the tax and prices index (TPI)

to 1 per cent in April, from 3

per cent in March, because of

the tax cuts announced in the

November Budget. The last

time the TPI was lower was in

Service sector inflation fell

to 2 per cent in April, from 2.2

per cent in March, its lowest

level since May, 1986. Simon

Briscoe, of Nikko Europe, said

that, given the attention paid

to strength in demand for

services in recent quarters.

this was encouraging.

March 1993.

substitutes for beef.

Mortgage moves

help inflation to

hit 18-month low

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

HEADLINE inflation fell to

its lowest level for 18 months in

April in spite of a surge in

prices for alternatives to beef after the "mad-cow" scare, and

economists said that they be-

lieved it was set to fall further in the months ahead.

The retail prices index rose

0.7 per cent in the month, but its annual rate fell to 2.4 per

cent, from 2.7 per cent, according to the Office for National

Statistics. However, the un-

derlying inflation rate, which

the Government aims to bring

down to 2.5 per cent or less,

held unchanged in April at 2.9

The fall in the headline

inflation rate was largely

because last April's reduction

in Miras mortgage interest tax

relief fell out of annual com-

parisons and because there

was a mortgage rate cut in

household goods and house-

contents insurance premiums.

Exerting an upward pres-

sure on prices, however, were

slightly higher motor insur-

ance premiums after the fierce

competition of last year and

prices for non-seasonal food.

This category, in itself, added 0.06 per cent to the annual rate

of inflation, largely because of large price rises for poultry,

pork and domestic lamb as

There were also price falls in

per cent.

April this year.

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Hanson blow

Dividends paid after Hanson splits into four parts could fall to half their current level. Derek Bonham, chief executive, warned investors as he announced details of the Ill billion demerger. The set of half-year profits, knocked 2.5p off the share price to 194.5p. Page 26, Pennington 27

Poor sales

British Gas suffered a further blow yesterday after poor sales to industrial customers dragged down the company's first-quarter earnings.

Pattullo quits Standard Life By Marianne Curphey SIR Bruce Pattullo, governor of the Bank of Scotland, has highest bidder for its stake in the bank. Standard Life said it

resigned abruptly from the board of Standard Life just four days after the insurer confirmed that it was planning to sell its 32.2 per cent stake in the bank.

His departure came as a surprise to Standard Life, one of Britain's biggest institutional investors and insurance houses. He has been a nonexecutive director on Standard Life's board since 1985 when the inqurer bought the stake

from Barclays for £155 million. He is believed to have been angered by the way the announcement was made, and by the insurer's decision to sell such a large stake at short notice. The sale effectively makes the bank a target for a hostile takeover bid.

Standard Life expressed surprise at the move. "We had no idea he was going, and he was absolutely not asked to leave by us," a spokeswoman said. His replacement will be considered at the next board meeting at the end of the month.

The Bank of Scotland said if Sir Bruce had continued to hold a seat on Standard Life's 'oard there would have been "a conflict of interest". He had therefore decided to resign with immediate effect. "Better that he resign now than excuse himself from the next board meeting," a spokesman said. It makes things difficult when Standard Life is reviewing its own options on its stakeholding." The bank is now at Standard Life's mercy and it is believed that Sir Bruce felt that he could no longer act as a board membep for Standard Life while the insurer was looking for the

had decided to sell the stake because it represented 6 per cent of its UK equity holdings and was a disproportionately large amount.

Scott Bell, Standard Life's group managing director, and Norman Lessels, chairman, are both on the board of the Bank of Scotland. There was speculation yesterday that one or both may also resign.

In his resignation letter to Mr Lessels, Sir Bruce, 58, who has been with the bank for more than 30 years, said he would "continue to work constructively with Standard Life in order to find an acceptable solution if Standard Life decide to sell some or all of theip shareholding in the Bank". Sir Bruce's resignation fol-

lows Standard Life's statement on Monday that it was planning to sell its £900 million stake in the 300-yearold Scottish bank. Standard Life has denied that it intends to use the cash to underpin a stock-market flotation. It may buy a building society or build up overseas interests in order to maintain its independence.

Although a placing of the shares is possible, the proposed sale of the 32.2 pep cent stake does leave the bank vulnerable to takeover; potential predators have been named as HSBC, Midland Bank's parent, Abbey National and Halifax Building Society.

Alex Salmond, Scottish National Party leader and a former oil analyst at the Royal Bank of Scotland, yesterday called for any takeover to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Sir Bruce is thought to have been angered by the insurer's decision to sell its 32 per cent stake

BT despairs at cap as profit hits £3bn

By Eric Reguly

THE chances that BT will trigger a monopolies referral appeared to increase yesterday after the company gave warning that another round of tight price controls would damage it in spite of the strong profit gains made in its last financial year.

Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, said that BT "simply cannot survive" if the price cap that comes into effect in 1997 is similar to the current one, which ensures that prices fall each year by 72 per cent in real terms. Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, is to reveal the new price cap level at the end of this month. BT will then have until August to accept or reject it.

His comments came as BT revealed a pre-tax profit of £3 billion in the year to August 31, up 13.4 per cent from the previous year. Some analysts said the higher earnings may add only weight to Ofiel's arguments that BT is fully capable of operating under fairly tight price controls.

Sir Peter Bonfield. @T's chief executive, said he was neither optimistic nor pessimistic" that a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission could be avoided. Lower redundancy charges

they declined from £820 million to £420 million —were behind the double-digit profits increase. After adjusting for the redundancy charges and other non-recurring items. BT's eanings per share rose 6 per cent to 18.7p.

Turnover was up 4 per cent to £14.4 billion in spite of mope than £300 million in price reductions in its domestic operations. A final dividend of 11.25p is to be paid, making the total dividend 18.7p, up 5.6 per

BT said that it has no intention of paying a special dividend or buying back its shares even though gearing has fallen from 18 per cent to 8 per cent. The shares fell lp to

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Classic **Bloodstock** departure

By ROBERT MILLER

THE principal trainer to Classic Bloodstock, the troubled raised £6 million from 6.500 investors in two issues, has quit on the eve of the company's annual meeting. Stuart Williams, the New

market trainer, has ordered Ron Dawson, the founder and managing director of Classic Bloodstock, to remove the company's ten horses from his Birdcage Walk yard. Mr Williams, who is the third respected trainer to part company with the racing group since it was started in 1994. took the unusual step over Classic's continued use of Allan Mackay, the retained jockey. The trainer wanted to be allowed to use the "best

available jockeys". Classic Watch, the investors action group headed by Fraser Earle, will press for an explanation of the loss of Mr Williams's services at the agm at Charawood Stables, Newmarket, today.

Another departure at Spring Ram

SPRING RAM. the troubled home products company, has parted company with the head of its bathrooms operation in an attempt to turn round the business. Tom Sykes, who was promoted by Roger Regan, the

chairman, when he took control of Spring Ram three years ago, has left the company and is being replaced by Robin Trotter. The shake-up against a background of rising debts and continued poor trading at the operation,

where founder Bill Rooney

was ousted by institutional investors in 1993. Borrowings have increased to E62 million, from E46 million, at the end of last year, when the group shocked the City by annoucing pre-tax losses of £43.6 million for 1995.

Martin Towers, finance director, said there would be a seasonal increase in borrowings but close followers of the business believe the rise has been more than he was Mr Regan has said he will

step aside from his role as cutive chairman when he can find an appropriate replacement. However, the candidate believed to be favourite by those employed at Spring Ram - Hartley Moyes, special products chief - is now also expected to leave when the doors business that has been put up for sale is disposed of

There is a shortlist of fewer than six bidders for the doors operation, which is believed to be worth about £20 million. Another operation, Stag Furniture, is up for sale with a price-tag of £12 million. Mr Regan has angered management by telling them not to bid and John Proctor, the operation's chief executive, resigned last month.

On the stock market, Spring Ram shares closed at 20p. just over half their price a year ago and a fraction of their peak of 172p in 1992.



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Hanson split could lead to halved dividends

DIVIDENDS paid after Hanson splits into four parts could fall to half their current level. Derek Bonham, the chief executive, gave this warning as he announced details of the Ell billion demerger yesterday.

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That, and a disappointing set of half-year profits, knocked 2.5p off the share price to 194.50

Hanson is splitting into Imperial Tobacco, Millennium Chemicals, the energy side - as yet unnamed, and a rump of building materials and equipment, which will retain the name Hanson. Mr Bonham told institutional shareholders that he was happy with forecasts of a dividend of between 6p and 8p for the new Hanson, a figure confirmed by Andrew Dougal. the finance director-elect.

The company is spending about £40 million on the demerger, mostly in fees to its tax advisers Ernst & Young. Hanson is confident that neither it, nor its shareholders, will have to pay any extra tax as a result of the hive-off. The demergers of Imperial



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and Millennium will take place in October, after shareholders' meetings in September. The energy side will be hived off in the new year. Shareholders will get one Millennium share for every 70 old Hanson; the ratio for Imperial and energy will be one in ten.

The way the group's £3.5 billion of debt is being divided up surprised the market. Millennium will bear the largest burden, ending up with more than £1.3 billion of borrowings. Energy and Imperial will have just over El billion each, and new Hanson no more than £200m. "I'm suprised the rump of Hanson is so lightly geared, it has no stated acquisition plans," said Charles Pick, conglomerates analysts at the stockbroker. Panmure Gordom. There must be some sort of tax reason for it."

Hanson's last set of halfyear profits as a conglomerate were also seen as a disappointment. Though the headline figure showed a 27 per cent increase to E794 million, the City was quick to point out that this year's included exceptional gains of £160 million from disposals, while last year's had a £10 million exceptional loss. This left an increase of El million.

But even that masked a couple of one-off gains. The sale by Eastern Electricity of its stake in First Hydro netted £26 million and there was a dividend of £28 million from National Grid before its sale.

The poor figures were largely the fault of the US chemical operation, where one of the group's polyethylene operations was not profitable and other parts of the business were hit by price cuts.

The City is now expecting

the market to warm to Hanson as it digests the implica-tions of the demerger. A leading financier said: "This should give the divisions more focus and energy and get rid of some of the funny accounting, which no one liked."



Angela Knight, with the Treasury review of the 1984 Building Societies Act, is to consult the industry over the two-year rule

Knight resists call for change

THE Government is refusing to bow to pressure to bring in legislation to prevent speculators joining building societies thought likely to be taken over

or to float on the stock market. At the Building Societies Association Conference yesterday, Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, refused to back the societies' demands to harden immediately

of two years' standing can receive takeover or flotation cash payouts.

As more of the biggest societies have opted to convert or be taken over, the Building Societies Association has called for the rule to be more clearly defined. At present, all society accountholders can receive shares upon

a takeover or a conversion.

Mrs Knight said that she

ship, whereby only members - intended to consult the indus-

try over this rule. However, Ken Culley, the association chairman, said: "Many suspect that the real reason for the Government's reluctance to solve this problem is political. It is unwilling to risk alienating large numbers of individuals who are now convinced they have an entitlement to a payout from their building society, irre-

Nervous building societies seek 'hostile bid' insurance

By Marianne Curphey

cover for ples in 1990 and now

insures 3 per cent of all UK

quoted companies. It esti-

mates that a plc has a one-in-

four chance of being taken over after a hostile bid. Com-

panies that are insured and

successfully fight off a hostile

bid will be reimbursed for the

cost of fees from lawyers,

consultants, stockbrokers and

merchant bankers. A spokes-

man for the Halifax, which

plans to float and become a

BUILDING societies feel so "However, they do not have shareholders because they are vulnerable that a number are considering taking out insurmutuals and this makes the ance to protect themselves situation somewhat from the expenses of fighting TOI first offered insurance

off a hostile takeover bid. TOI, a company partly owned by Swire Fraser, the Lloyd's broker, offers such insurance to quoted companies and confirmed yesterday that it had received a number of inquiries from UK building societies.

"We have been asked to look at some building societies and we have not ruled out setting up insurance for them," said David Seel, said David Seel, group development director. bank, said: "This could well be a worry for some small to medium-sized building societies. However, once we float, we are protected from hostile bids for five years."

A number of building societies have announced their intention to become banks and are believed to have attracted interest from large predators. The Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock are considered bid

Meanwhile, TOI is exporting its insurance cover to the United States where it will be offered to New York Stock Exchange listed companies.

spective of their length of membership." Mrs Knight said: "The

change in interpretation of the two-year rule which has allowed shares to be offered to members of less than two years' standing was brought about by the actions of the BSA's own members, past and present."

She said that hardening the rule could discriminate against people with accounts of less

than two years' standing.

Although unwilling to be drawn on this particular piece of legislation, she did invite societies to consult about barring a thwarted bidder from making another bid for a society for one year, which would bring societies within company takeover rules. ☐ The Birmingham Mid-

shires Building Society has confirmed that it is in talks with the West Bromwich Building Society about a takeover. Mike Jackson, Birmingham Midshires chief execu-tive, said yesterday: "We have expressed to their board our interest in forming a partnership to bring our two organisations together."

The Bradford and Bingley, the fifth-biggest society, also said yesterday that it would be interested in talking to the West Bromwich, the eleventhlargest, about a takeover.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Glaxo sales ahead as Zantac fades

GLAXO WELLCOME, Britain's largest pharmaceuticals group, revealed at its annual meeting yesterday that overall sales in the four months to April 30 were £2.8 billion, up 11 per cent over the same period a year before, in spite of a 10 per cent drop in the sales of Zantac, its top drug. Excluding Zantac, sales were up 17 per cent, reflecting the success of new drugs such as Imigran, a migraine treatment.

Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive, played down the potential damage posed to the company by the loss of Zantac's patent protection in America next year. He noted that Zantac sales represent only 24 per cent of total sales, against 40 per cent a couple of years ago. He said: "As a result of the continuing decline of Zantac sales, and the rapid growth of new products, we now expect that Zantac sales, which may be materially affected by generic competition in mid-1997, could then be as low as 10 per cent of group total sales." The company said that trading profit growth was "well in excess" of sales growth because of cost savings and efficiencies derived from merging Glaxo with Wellcome over the past year. The sales increase was higher than expected and helped to lift the shares by 47\p, to 836\p.

BTR issues warning

SHARES in BTR, the industrial conglomerate, fell 14p to 297p after the company told its annual meeting that it expected operating profits for the first half of 1996 to be "moderately below" the same period last year. BTR said most of its businesses had lifted sales and operating profits against the same period last year. However, it said that this progress would be offset by Polymer Taiwan, where the previous good first-half performance had been reversed, and Sealing Systems, where start-up costs had slowed the return on significant new investments.

Debt hits bank profits

CLYDESDALE and Yorkshire banks, both owned by National Australia Bank, saw profits fall in the six months to March 31. Clydesdale profits before tax fell to A\$123 million (£65 million) after bad-debt charges rose to A\$20 million, while profits at Yorkshire fell to A\$116 million after bad debts rose to A\$61 million. But profits at National Australia's Northern Bank in Northern Ireland rose 22 per cent to A\$78 million, and at the National Irish Bank in Dublin by 4.5 per cent to A\$23 million. Group operating profit was up 4.6 per cent at A\$998 million.

Greycoat sale proceeds

GREYCOAT shareholders yesterday approved the sale of 151 Buckingham Palace despite opposition from the UK Active Value Fund. Greycoat's net asset value fell by 8p to 167p during the year to March 31, due to a reduction in the value of the group's investment properties. Greycoat made a pre-tax loss of £300,000 during the year after a £5 million provision for debt repayment, but operating profit after interest rose from £2.1 million to £3.7 million. The dividend is up from 0.6p to 0.8p per share.

Guinness confidence

TONY GREENER, chairman of Guinness, told the company's annual meeting yesterday that trading was in line with expectations for the first four months of the year. Mr Greener added that he was confident that the company would show steady growth in profits during the year and that Guinness would continue to increase the level of marketing investment in both United Distillers and Guinness Brewing Worldwide. Shares in the company lost 3p yesterday to close at 486p.

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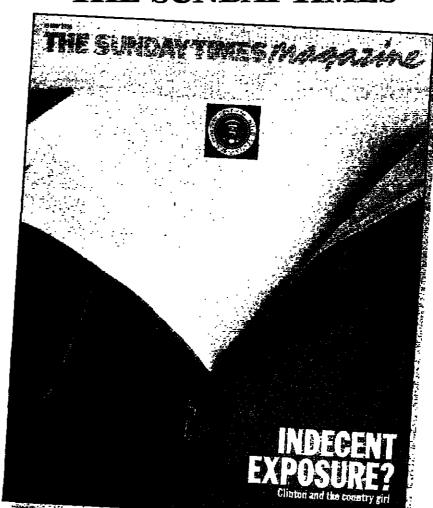
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John McGrath, left, and Gorge Shares soar

☐ First numbers from the Hanson split ☐ US threat to small accountants ☐ Japan and Germany run out of steam

HANSON'S first-half figures give initial details of the effects of splitting into four different com-panies. Paradoxically, they also show the benefits of remaining a conglomerate.

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This is not to attack the demerger, clearly the right course of action on a stock market that mistrusts conglomerates and rates them almost on the basis of the lowest common denominator among the busi-nesses that make them up.

Contrast this to the view in the late 1980s, which was to take an average across the group and then add on a percentage for its charmed status as a conglomerate, that percentage having been calculated according to what view you took of the management. No surprise that the diversified industrial sector has underperformed the FT-SE by about 25 per cent since the start of 1991.

Hanson's profits may have come in as expected, but their make-up showed a sharper than expected fall in earnings from chemicals that was more than balanced by an upturn at the enlarged energy side. Disregard for a moment the fact that much of this came from acquisitions, particularly Eastern last sum-mer: the discredited theory of conglomerates had it that what you lost on the roundabout you gained on the swings, so allow-

The virtues of disintegration

ing a smooth profits stream year on year. The chemical cycle is against you, but lax regulation in British energy makes up for this.
Once demerged, chemicals

and building products, which will stay within the core Hanson business, will be wildly cyclical and subject to huge profits swings. Tobacco — and how pleasant to see an Imperial Tobacco hook of the state o Tobacco back on the stock market - will be a business in managed decline, while it is not easy to see the immediate advantage in putting together a US coal business and a regulated

British electricity combine. Thus the negatives. They are heavily outweighed by the positives, whatever yesterday's fall for the shares says about market nerves after signs that the price had been clawing itself back above the £2 mark again. Tax and other costs, initially seen as uncomfortably heavy, are in the company's words "containable". A recent broker's report on Hanson assessed the break-up value at 2740 a chare. The

value at 224p a share. The demerger is tax-efficient for shareholders, and small investors will be offered a cheap

dealing service to allow them to switch out of unwanted shares.

What is really driving the optimists, and forget talk of more focused management and other corporate guff, is that one or more may be taken over. The debt profile — lots on to chemicals and tobacco. less on to energy and virtually none on building materials — suggests that the first two are seen as the bid candidates and the others are in expansion mode, the last probably by takeover. The mar-ket is swamped with data, but once the Hanson roadshows start, look for the shares to move

The Americans . are coming

☐ IN AN ideal world, every middle-class household would have an accountant and a solicitor, in the same way as a dentist and a family doctor. It is only the reactionary stupidity of those two professions that prevents their services spreading down the income scale, to the benefit of



The lawyers are probably beyond saving. We will only ever see them during hugely expen-sive life crises — deaths, divorces and house moves. The accountants are facing the most serious shake-out since the advent of double-entry bookkeeping, and many medium-sized practices will not survive the coming competition. Few will mourn

their passing. H&R Block, the American company that has been called the McDonald's of the personal tax preparation industry, is coming to Britain. The attraction is the arrival last month of self-assessment reforms, which require nine million higher-rate tax payers and the self-employed to calculate their own tax liability.

Little known in this country, Block came into view this week with the appointment of Richard Brown, its chief executive, to the same post at Cable and Wireless. Mr Brown lost no time setting out his current employer's ambitions in the UK.

Based in Kansas City, Missouri, the company is the American leader in personal tax accounting. The arrival of the tax return is a annual nightmare for most Americans. Block was launched in 1954 by Henry and Richard Bloch — they changed the spelling so it would not be mispronounced — to charge low and medium-income families a relatively small fee to prepare their returns.

By the mid-1990s, Block was preparing some 17 million individual returns a year and had become a high street fixture across the country. Relying on non-professional employees who pay for cheap tax classes that qualify them to do the work, H & R Block is America's largest seasonal white-collar employer.

The potential in the UK is clear, and traditional accountants, to judge from their past record, are in no position to meet the need. By contrast, Block's record in the US has been one of aggressive and effective marketing.

Value cult goes East

THE cult of short-term shareholder value seems to be gaining ground in continental Europe and Japan, just as it is beginning to be questioned in Britain and

Iain Beattie, of Scottish Amicable Investment Managers, argued at its annual investment conference that the change of heart makes Tokyo and continental shares more attractive. Who would have guessed ten years ago that Toyota would make a share buyback, Daimler-Benz would lop chunks off its business and Suez would start dismantling its empire?

Unfortunately, as British investors know, the catch is in the explanation for this change of heart towards patient investors. Mr Beattle says this culture shift is driven by three years of

"Previously, the superior eco-nomic growth in countries such as Germany and Japan compen-sated for the negative impact of stakeholding on equity investment returns".

The new focus on investor returns is surely a sign that Germany and Japan have run out of steam. Will they also adopt the downsizing cult, which has kept profits, dividends and shares buoyant, but is now renounced by chief priest Stephen Roach?

Investors looking for growth should focus on economies that are still expanding fast, where big companies have better things to do with their cash flow than to tell shareholders to find their own investment opportunities.

Breaking ranks

☐ SIR Bruce Patullo has rather blown the gaff on any attempt to pretend that the relationship between the Bank of Scotland and Standard Life is still amicable now Standard has decided to sell its 32 per cent stake. On Monday, the bank was saying, through clenched teeth, that it was all a matter for its biggest shareholder. No matter that Standard may have been under a fiduciary duty to sell down: Sir Bruce's departure shows the bank's view of this breach of the Charlotte Square code of omerta.

Poor sales hit earnings at beleaguered British Gas

BRITISH GAS suffered a further blow yesterday after poor sales to industrial customers dragged down firstquarter earnings.

The cold winter weather failed to deliver an adequate boost for the company, which faces severe pricing caps on its pipelines business from the regulator, and net income for the first three months of this year slipped to £573 million from £605 million in 1995.

Analysts had forecast the figures to be between £620 million and \$670 million. TransCo, the pipelines network, increased its current cost operating profit to £508 million from £450 million. Overall pre-tax profit for the period stood at £933 million on historical cost, against £954

Although the cold snaps brought a benefit of £100 million after households compensated by using more gas, British Gas's sales to industrial and commercial customers fell into a loss of £95 million, compared with a £20 million profit the previous quarter.

The company is losing large-scale customers to rivals, who are not saddled with the same take-or-pay contracts as British Gas. Roy Gardner, finance director, said that the company was paying on average 20p a therm for gas while it had to sell it at 10p a therm.

The £40 billion of take-orpay contracts that British Gas is locked into drained 5500 million from the company last year. Mr Gardner said that the company was attempting was prepared to offer flexible deals to producers in an effort to deliver sufficient incentives for them to re-arrange the

Mr Gardner added that the losses from take-or-pay obligations this year was expected to be around £300 million.

British Gas also confirmed the further job losses it had signalled in its annual results earlier this year. Mr Gardner said that he expected a few thousand more staff to leave after a bout of applications for voluntary redundancy.

Operating costs jumped in the first quarter as the company paid to facilitate the introduction of competition through its pipeline network and tried to improve its muchberated customer service divimillion on customer service after the company was bombarded with complaints.

Yesterday, British Gas was drafting a response to the Ofgas proposals that threaten a one-off charge of between 20 and 28 per cent on TransCo's revenues next year, and a running curb of RPI-5 thereafter for five years. British Gas insists such controls would necessitate halving manpower. effectively putting TransCo out of business.

The two sides have been locked in a war of words since Monday's proposals from Ofgas. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, is believed to have asked British Gas to justify its jobs claim, while the company is loobying to see figures produced by the regu-

PowerGen starts share buy-back

POWERGEN yesterday set in motion the share buyback programme it announced with its results earlier this week (Christine Buckley writes).

The generator, which said it would buy and cancel about 10 per cent of its shares in a £400 million plan, bought 35 million shares, or 4.8 per cent of its equity, in the market.

UBS carried out the deal, buying at an average price of 525p, making a cost of £183 million. The share price closed yesterday at 529p. The buy-back was an-

nounced to deliver back to shareholders the proceeds from PowerGen's sale of its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity, for whom its bid was vetoed, and its sale of an interest in the its Midlands holding.

Brighter Burton poised for growth

By Sarah Cunningham

FIRST-HALF figures showing improved sales and sharply higher profits, together with indications of higher sales in the second half, confirmed yesterday that Burton, the retail group, is out of recovery and set for growth.

The group, which comprises Debenhams department stores and the fashion chains, Top Shop, Top Man, Dorothy Perkins, Evans, Principles, and Burton Menswear, said that in the six months ending March 2 pre-tax profits jumped 43 per cent to £88.1 million on sales of £1.09 billion, up 5.7 per cent. It increased its interim dividend 15 per cent to 1.15p per share.

Expansion is to focus on Debenhams, with plans to open eight new stores by the year 2000. The first will be in Lincoln, Trafford Park in Manchester, Banbury and the

Metro Centre, Gateshead. Others will be opened in Dublin, at the White Rose Centre near Leeds, in Barrow and in Brighton.

Burton group shares closed down 6.5p at 152.5p. The better than expected results persuaded analysts to increase their full-year forecasts, with Andrew Hughes, of UBS, moving from £130 million to £135 million.

Debenhams, which makes up around half the group, saw sales rise 3.5 per cent, while the fashion chains' sales were up 8.1 per cent. Top Shop and Top Man were the best performers, with sales up 12.6 per cent. In the first nine weeks of the second half, group sales were up 5.6 per cent. Only Burton Menswear sales were down, by 2.1 per cent.

More make tracks for Railtrack

MORE than 650,000 applications have been received from shares in Railtrack, the railway track and signalling com-pany being privatised on Monday (Our City Staff writes).

SBC Warburg has raised its estimate of 500,000 applications and now expects the Public Offer to be oversubscribed three times. The Government is now expected to raise from 30 per cent the amount of the company to be sold to the public because of the level of demand. City institutions will receive less than the 70 per cent originally

It is understood that the international offer - open to financial institutions at home and abroad - has been oversubscribed four times. The brokers have already indicated that the share price is likely to come in at the top end of its Tempus. page 28 | indicated 350p-390p range.



John McGrath, left, and George Bull, GrandMet chairman

GrandMet sees spirits recovery

By Alasdair Murray

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and spirits company, vesterday claimed that there were signs of a revival in the international spirits market.

The company, whose brands include Smirnoff Vodka, Baileys and J&B whisky, said that was confident of pushing through price increases averaging 2 per cent and had enjoyed volume growth of 5 per cent on a like-for-like basis in the first half of the year. The comments came yester-

day after the company disclosed a 3 per cent rise in halfyear profits, excluding exceptionals, to £455 million. GrandMet said that a good performance from its food division had been offset by a flat profits in International Distillers and Vintners (IDV). its spirits business. GrandMet shares fell 6p, to 440p. GrandMet, whose chief ex-

ecutive is John McGrath, said that it wants to sell Pearle, its optician business, but denied that it was also looking to off-load the highly profitable Bur-ger King chain. Pearle made profits of £2 million in the half year, a fall of 50 per cent, and GrandMet said that wanted a sale price above its £125 million book value.

continue to reduce reliance on the US market, where profits fell by 3 per cent, to £75 million, while investing in the emerging markets of Asia and Eastern Europe.

division rose by 46 per cent, to £247 million, boosted by the contribution from Pet, which was acquired for £1.8 billion last year. GrandMet said that Pet had exceeded expectations and was already making a positive contribution to earnings.

rose by 9 per cent, boosted by strong growth in the United by 7 per cent, to £70 million.

IDV operating profits re-

mained at £211 million. GrandMet said that it would

Profits in the packaged food

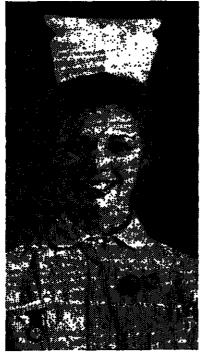
The BSE scare took its toll of profits of Burger King, with the switch from British beef costing £2 million and with a 55 million dent in profits expected in the second half. UK sales numbled by II per cent after the scare, but sales have stablised in the past couple of weeks.

Overall, Burger King's sales States, where it has 17 per cent of the market. Profits, excluding refranchising sales, rose The interim dividend rises

by 6 per cent, to 5.85p, due on

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Independence proves asset to MAM

Shares soar as fund manager's profits leap 26% to £140m

By Patricia Tehan BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT celebrated its first year of independence from SBC Warburg with a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £140.4 million in the year to March 31.

The shares soared 38p to close at 956p last night after MAM pushed its dividend for the year 34.6 per cent higher, to 35p. The final payment of 29p is due on July 3. Hugh Stevenson, chairman of MAM, said the board felt that the rise in dividend was appropriate given the increased liquidity of the balance sheet. Dividend cover fell from 1.72 times in 1995 to 1.54

Mr Stevenson said he was pleased with the performance. He said MAM recov-

the year after the uncertainty over the ownership of Warburg disappeared with its acquisition by Swiss Bank Corporation. As part of the deal last summer. Warburg's 75 per cent stake in MAM was

distributed to Warburg shareholders.

Mr Stevenson said: "You cannot go through that sort of change of ownership without affecting the business."

There has been continued speculation in the City that MAM needs a strong international partner if it is to continue to expand from its traditional UK base. Mr Stevenson said: "I hope that these results show people that we are very capable of standing on our own." However, he did not rule out the possibility of a future bid for MAM or a link-up with a third party. He said: "Whatever we were to do, we

ered its momentum in the second half of would do it from a position of considerable strength." Funds under management rose 27.6 per

cent, from £63.5 billion to £81 billion, last year, including £3.3 billion of net new business. Most of the increase came from the rise in value of client portfolios. Of the new business, £2.5 billion was added in the second half after the resolution of uncertainties. Mr Stevenson said business was grow-

Japan where he expected to see continued He said: "Fund management is a growth industry because of the need to provide retirement incomes for people,

ing fastest on the international side,

particularly in the US, where MAM's net

new business was \$1.2 billion, and in

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Glaxo's good news puts shares back on track

THE London stock market continued to dance to Wall Street's tune, with prices suffering an early mark-down after the Dow Jones average frittered away a 50-point lead

At one stage the FT-SE 100 index was down 36 points before railying to halve earlier falls with the help of a strong rise in the price of Glaxo Wellcome, one of its main constituents, on the back of a positive trading statement. It ended the session 22.6 down at 3,753.6 as 767 million shares were traded.

The biggest turnover of the day was seen in PowerGen, with a total of 64.74 million shares changing hands as the group bought back almost 5 per cent of its shares in issue. UBS, the broker, picked up

a total of 35 million shares at 525p. That compared with the closing price of 529p. down 8p. A spokesman for UBS said the operation went "very

A profits warning left BTR nursing a loss of 14p at 297p. The group told shareholders at the annual meeting that operating profits during the first half would fall short of the corresponding period last year. A fall in operating profits of £25 million at Polymer Taiwan and start-up costs at Sealing Systems were to

Glaxo Wellcome celebrated a positive start to the year with a leap of 47p to 836p. Sir Colin Corness, chairman, told shareholders that the company had achieved sales of £2.8 billion in the first four months of the current year, a rise of 11 per cent. The trading margins on sales were also reflecting the benefits of cost savings and increased efficiencies that followed the merger with Wellcome. Sales of Zantac, its ulcer treatement had fallen 10 per cent, but the group said that it planned to launch at least 20 new products between 1997 and the year

Reports that Iraq had struck a food-for-oil deal with the United Nations hit the sector, with brokers worried about a market. Shares of the leading oil companies fell sharply, with BP down llp at 56812p. Shell 16p to 923p. Burma Castrol op to £10.48. and Enterprise 9p to 464p.

There was further sizeable turnover in shares of takeover favourite Lucas Industries.



Glazo Wellcome shares rose 47p on four-month figures

although the price finished lp lighter at 232p as 3.45 million changed hands. Talks with the Varity Corporation in the US continue, with speculators hoping for news of a merger soon. Others suggest a bid for Lucas from either Ti Group. down 6p at 535p, or GKN, 3p

627p amid suggestions that it

remains anxious about the off at 968p.
Yorkshire Water rose 6p to outcome for BT. British Gas itself extended this week's fall in its share

IG Index has begun a grey market in Railtrack shares. It is offering clients the opportunity to bet on the outcome of the first days of trading in the shares, starting on Monday. After opening at 209p, the bears gained the upper hand pushing the price down to 204 2p, before ending the day at 207p.

is on the verge of agreeing merger terms with Yorkshire Electricity, down 3p at 74lp, but most traders were sceptical of the claims.

Better than expected fullyear figures that showed pretax profits reaching £3 billion for the first time failed to benefit BT, which finished 112p easier at 333p. The group has also ruled out the possibility of launching a share

price by 14p to an all-time low of 17412p after witnessing a decline in first-quarter profits. It stretches the fall on the week to 5312p. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, rubbed salt into its wounds by placing a line of 10.39 million shares at the 173p level. Brokers say the outlook for British Gas remains as bleak as ever and that investment decisions by financial institutions

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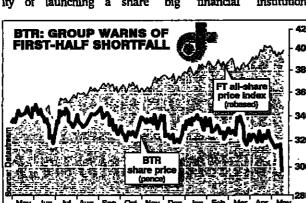
is due to unveil its new pricing formula for the industry. In

the light of this week's call by

the gas industry regulator to

cut British Gas's prices by up

to 28 per cent, the market



among the utilities now hinge on the actions of the regulators.

A decline in first-half profits left Grand Metropolitan op down at 440p. The group gave little away about current trading prospects, other than to describe them as satisfactory. Brokers are now likely to begin downgrading their profit estimates for the full year.

Burton continues to make headway with a strong improvement in first-half profits, but the shares failed to reap the benefits of a strong performance, falling 612p to 15212p. Brokers attributed this to a combination of profit-taking and the news that sales at its menswear operations had fallen 2 per cent

Hanson slipped 3p to 194p despite reassuring the market that the demerger of its business into four separate operations was continuing according to schedule. Derek Bonham said the cost of the demerger would be contained. The news came as the group unveiled a sharp jump in interim pre-tax profits from £623 million to £794 million.

Mercury Asset Management responded to a strong set of full-year profits with a leap of 38p to 956p.

Amstrad continued to reel from this week's profits warning, with a fall of 13p to 160p, stretching the deficit

GILT-EDGED: The London bond market spent a quite session, with much of Europe closed for the Ascension Day celebrations. The high point of an otherwise lacklustre session proved to be the latest retail price index, showing headline inflation down to its lowest level since October 1994. After a brief flurry of activity, prices came off the boil.

The apathy was best reflected in the futures pit, where the June series of the long gilt firmed a couple of ticks to £107732 as a total of 34,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues,

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MAJOR INDICES **Burton Group** BURTON has now left the recovery ward and is charg-ing up and down the high

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The regulator returns

HAVING ended its flirtation with Cable and Wireless, BT is forced back to the dreary business of having rows with Oftel, the telecommunications regulator. The outcome will more or less determine the profitability of BT's domestic operations, and hence the return to shareholders, until beyond the turn

There are four key issues: the level of the new price cap, the range of services that the price cap will cover, the extent of Ofiel's proposed new powers to police and punish anticompetitive activity, and whether BT should have the right to appeal against such rulings. Failure by BT and Oftel to agree on any of these issues will drag in the Monopolies and Mergers Commission as adjudic-

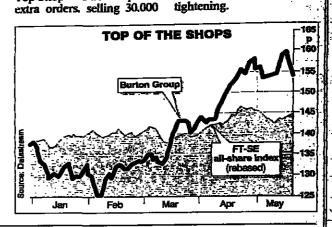
ator. That looks increasingly likely. Better financial results from BT only add

public support to Oftel's case. The numbers suggest that the recent price reductions have hardly crippled the company. However, BT argues that the bulk of the efficiency gains have been achieved. A further five years of tight price controls would damage its financial health and deter it from investing. Given its enormous market share, BT knows a pricecap is inevitable, but it wants the cap to be confined to those markets, such as exchange line rentals, where BT is clearly dominant.

During the talks with Cable and Wireless,

neither side wanted the distraction or the uncertainty of an MMC investigation. But with its dull domestic business likely to dominate the company for years to come. BT risks little by triggering a referral. Investors should hold tight. Until the regulator's heavy hand is removed, BT shares will underperform.

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TALK of a draft agreement in the Iraq oil-for-food negotiations knocked Shell Transport shares yesterday, but there are better reasons to their high rating. een buovthe marvill return ıreholders yback or

The oil company's cash flow is as much an embarrassment of riches as an opportunity to investors. Shell has been underinvesting, as testified by its failure to replace its production with new oil reserves for the past five years. That is not a major cause of concern - the company still has the largest Shell proudly lists potential projects in Venezuela and the former Soviet Union, where billions of barrels await to be

The problem is that the projects also cost tens of

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billions of dollars, and if Shell is not forging ahead, it is because the economics are shaky or the political risk is still too great to ensure a reasonable chance of securing a return on investment. If the projects are not economic, Shell will have little reason not to pay back the cash, raising the prospect of an exgrowth, high-yielding Shell deserving a "utility" rating. well below the current share

However, Shell still believes it can make its investments pay, but, in that case, the market should expect the cash to be sunk into more wells, and those chasing special dividends will disappointed.

WISDOM about Grand Metropolitan came not from the company yesterday but man of Guinness.

Mr Greener pointed out that the spirits industry

would remain stuck in the doldrums while companies continued to invest heavily, As if to prove the point, GrandMet revealed yesterday that its marketing spend had risen 6 per cent in the first half while profits remained flat. The company made some positive noises about future prices and volumes, but the increases will do little to improve the bottom line in the current year.

Like its rivals, GrandMet running in order to stand still in its mature markets. New markets are growing rapidly in volume terms, but the company has yet to produce a good flow of profits. Until the investment pays

off, the spirits division will continue to be a drag on the company's strong food divilook inexpensive at 14 times earnings, but with demergers and sales off the agenda for the time being, there is little excitement to look forward to.

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Frankfort	2.3172-2.3262	2.3221-2.3241	'-\pr	15-150
Lisbon	238.11-239.29	238.71-238.91	'e-lade	المواسوا المواسوا
Madrid	193.69-194.38	193.96-194.13	26-35ds	70-876
Milan	2345.5-2357.3	2351.0-2354.2	5-745	16-180
Montreal	2.0655-2.0720	2.0667-2.0684	0.26-0.19pr	0.48-0.39
New York	1.5(13-1.5148	1.5113-1.5120	0.09-0.0707	0.24 0.215
Oslo	9,9407-9,9782	9.9539-9.9698	l'e-pr	3'2'-0
Paris	7.8433-7.8768	7.8618-7.8684	l'=t'-pr	4'~4p
Stockholm	10.187-10.243	10.227-10.243	'∽'∙ds	فيب
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Ireland	1.5580	-1.5600
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CHIEF executive 1 -25.

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Overlooked

THE Burton group's days of "pile 'em high and let 'em fly" are over, the

management assured in-

vestors yesterday, an-nouncing that first-half

profits were up because of attention to detail, and a

How unfortunate and

how inconsistent then

that the results presenta-tions were held behind

the group's flagship

ford Street, which was

advertising a "12-Hour Spectacular" promising "Millions of Pounds off Thousands of Things."

PETER DAVIS, chief ex-

ecutive of the Prudential,

and the man most likely to

buy a building society, spoke at the Building Soci-

eties Association confer-

ence in Birmingham. But

his passage through the

meeting rooms was greet-

ed with some nervousness

by other delegates. He

confided: "People don't

like to be seen talking to

Yorkshire brass

MIKE FIRTH, chairman

and chief executive of Yorkshire Food Group, need not feel obliged to dig

deep into his own pockets

again this year to fund the

second Yorkshire Business

conference. There was

Prudence

more upmarket feel.

at Burtons

even a waiting list for the two-day event at Harewood House that last year played host to 1,400 guests and 200 empty chairs. Speakers, including former Polish president Lech Walesa, who is standing in for Donald Trump, Albert the US chat show host. have attracted ticket sales of 1,700 for the event. Coopers & Lybrand has the monopoly, with 200 seats at £200 each. Two

Compass, please

CHIEF executive Francis

Mackay spent the eve of

Compass Group's interim

results announcement

breaking into a car in the

depths of Waterloo. After Mr Mackay and his chums were unable to

secure a table at Le

Gavroche, Compass con-

sultant Albert Roux's res-

taurant, the boys moved

on to RSJ in Waterloo. On

leaving the upmarket eat-

ery, Mackay's party dis-covered their driver had

locked them out of their

limousine. Heading for

Tower Hotel, both driver

and limo were abandoned

in favour of a London cab.

London pad, consisting of

three vast dassrooms, re-

furbished by interior deco-

rator Willie Nickerson.

The kitchen is covered in

Pret A Manger burnished

MORAG PRESTON

Country folk

tonnes of food, including 480lbs of salmon and 2,000 chicken breasts, will be served on two miles of

East of China. 000.000.000

Ginsber had two main attractions for Bass: modern plant installed in 1994 and its location in the North East, an area given less attention so far by foreign investors who have poured money

Brewer regards market in China as no small beer

Carl Mortished finds Bass thirsty for good returns

from its latest

overseas venture

azzmatazz is what you need to launch a new beer and Bass International Brewers pulled out all the stops for the arrival of Tennent's lager in China. The 300 VIPs who poured out of fleets of black limousines at the China World Hotel in Peking were used to banquets. However, nothing could have prepared them for the cultural extravaganza that followed. To a swirl of bagpipes, Gus Guthrie, managing director of the Bass Ginsberg joint venture, arrived to deliver the opening address, shortly followed by a large haggis on a plate. Člad in kilt and sporran, he gave an impassioned recitation of a Robert Burns poem and then carved up the haggis under the bemused gaze of the elderly vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of

the Chinese People's Congress.
The assorted Communist Party officials, local government bigwigs, distributors, and beer trade customers listened politely to a trade union ballad delivered by two Scots with guitar and accordion. They gave a more enthusiastic response to an ear-splitting number from a

Peking Opera star. Like most marketing stunts, the frolics concealed a deadly seriousness and the real message was rammed home to anyone with eyes to see. A huge red "T" covered the backcloth to the stage and emblazoned the publicity brochures in which each guest would find discreetly placed a crisp RMB100 note (worth about £8, it is customary to pay fop travel expenses). In another country, such a gathering of politicians and well-heeled businessmen might have served to launch a new political party, but in China, where successful business deals depend heavily on government connections, the guests had been invited in an effort to promote a new brand of beer.

China is the world's fastest-growing beer market. Consumption is increasing by 20 per cent per year, helped by a government five-year plan aimed at wearing the public away from high-alcohol spirits like rice wine. The country is set to overtake America as the number one beer market by 2000 and international branded beers such as San Miguel, Budweiser, Carlsberg and Heineken are alredy lining the bars in

Faced with stiff competition, Bass spent three years searching for the right Chinese partner and in May last year agreed a joint venture with the Ginsber Beer Group, a business owned by the Hong Zui Corporation, a township enterprise which grew out of an agricultural cooperative. Bass has invested \$47 million for a 55 per cent interest in the business, a brewery at Siping, in Jilin Province in the North



The growing number of bars in places such as Peking provide a ready market - discos present more of a challenge

five times that of premium Chinese beers which sell for the equivalent of 10-

12p on the street. The joint venture is

also keen to promote draught beer

which, in China, is even more expen-

tional business dev-

elopment manager at

Bass, brands are worn

on your sleeve (often

literally so) as a sym-

bol of prosperity. This

is particularly impor-

tant given the Chinese

concern with "face".

Scrip madness

Sir, Yet another scrip dividend

alternative in the mail today! Why this mad corporate

scramble to raise unpredict-

able amounts of additional

capital for unspecified

I know it enables sharehold-

ers to avoid stamp duty and

dealing costs and the company

to reduce ACT liability, but is

that enough to justify dispens-

ing with the usual discipline of

issuing a prospectus when

raising fresh capital? Is it good

for a company that its capital base should jerk up unevenly

and its board then have to

invest on the hoof like a bank

or building society, except that

this is money with no strings

attached? Hardly the respon-

sible investment the Govern-

ment should be encouraging.

with me in voting against

these schemes until Govern-

ment, the Stock Exchange or a

business academic explains

why they are such a good

Will other shareholders join

From David Lindsay

purposes?

into Shanghai and Guangdong in the South. According to Mr Guthrie, the Ginsber brewery is one of the largest and most modern in China, producing two million hectolitres of beer a year and with the potential to double

production. The firm already produces two beers, a value brand called JTQ and Ginsber, a more upmarket product (the name is a corruption of kings beer). But for Bass, the main attraction is to brew Tennent's lager in Siping and sell the renamed "T" Brand as a premium

product to affluent 25 to 30-somethings in Peking. Shanghai and Tianjin and throughout the North East of China. The decision to promote Tennent's as a Scottish product was not taken lightly. Beer is considered by the Chinese to be a light, healthy drink "liquid ket research Bass

found that Scotland also evoked positive, pure and healthy images: mountains, lakes and clean air. This contrasted with negative images of Britain: imperialism and Margaret Thatcher.

There is an irony in the transformation of a mass market brand such as Tennent's into an exclusive brew for the wheelers and dealers in China's rampantly capitalistic private sector. In Scotland, a pint of Tennent's might be a leveller, the point at which the tastes of a Charlotte Square stockbroker might meet those of a docker on the Clyde. But in the Chinese People's Republic,

sive. The disparity of wealth between the salaried worker and the newly rich in China is enormous and growing wider by the day. Average salaries are about \$3,000 a year, but Bass is targeting the ten million or so Chinese who earn upwards of \$18,000 a year. For such people, explains Leslie Fitzell, interna-

6 The Chinese obsession with brands and image has sent prices into orbit 9

> is an underlying belief that what you are seen drinking determines who you are." Tennent's will find a ready market

among the tight-knit foreign community of expatriates who frequent the foreign bars that are mushrooming across Peking at the same speed as the capital's grey concrete office blocks. The British brewer is already mulling over plans for 'tied pubs" which would exclusively sell Tennent's and other imported Bass beers. But the real challenge is to sel "T" Brand lager in the discos and karaoke bars that have sprung up to cater for the young and upwardly mobile. In such places, the Chinese obsession with

no such point of contact. The product will probably be pitched at a retail price brands and image has sent prices into orbit. Foreign lagers sell for £5 a can, and an unexceptional bottle of Chablis

will set you back more than £100. Brian Ross, international business development director, said that the chase for branded products is in part due to high levels of disposable income. While average earnings may be low, the Chinese have fewer demands on their wallets in a country where the Government or the employer provides housing. Few Chinese own their own homes and private cars are an unaffordabe luxury. discouraged with huge import duties.

That leaves the Chinese with plenty of spare cash to buy status in a more modest way. Mr Ross said: "If you cannot buy a Range Rover and park it next to your neighbour's Montego, you can buy a packet of Marlboro and place it on the table next to his Chinese cigarettes."

Having acquired one brewery, Bass is already on the lookout for others to extend its reach in a market that is highly fragmented and where local brews more than 800 breweries in China, and foreign beers account for only 5 per cent of the market. The process will be slow and plagued by the never-ending round of approvals needed from authorities ranging from the central government in Peking to the local fire service, any of whom can block a deal.

Mr Ross admits that the hefty gross margins - as high as 80 per cent - in selling premium beers could quickly fall as the market matures and competition begins to bring prices down. But that is no reason to worry. There are reckoned to be some 400 million consumers of alcohol in China; hardly small beer to any brewer.

When the bad old days look set to return

Philip Bassett on the economists who fear a repeat of the crises of the 70s

nflation at 25 per cent. at 10 per cent of GDP. Public spending consuming half of Britain's national output. And rapidly rising unemployment. Sound fa-miliar? No? And yet a new study is suggesting that Britain could be returning to the economic and industrial crises of the 1970s, when the economy looked like this.

Twenty years ago, two Oxford academics, Robert Bacon and Walter Eltis who went on to become the director-general of the now-scrapped National Econom-

ic Development Office and subsequently chief economic adviser to Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, when he was at the Department of Trade and Industry — put forward a highly influential theory about British industry and the British economy, advanced first in articles in The Sunday Times and then as Britain's Economic Problem: Too Few Producers.

What the Bacon and Eltis thesis, as it became known, essentially said

was that Britprising private business the trading parts of the public sector. was being eco-nomically crowded out by

the over-rapid expansion of the non-market sector, and was becoming too weak to generate the required investment and employment.

Their solution - put forward as non-political but which had considerable influence on Conservative policymakers in the run-up to the watershed 1979 general election — sat neatly with the revival in Conservative thinking along the same lines: restraining the public sector, reviving private enterprise and cutting back on

direct taxation. gone back to their mid-70s views — and end up giving warning of the possibility of Britain slipping back economically to those times. Since their first theories, and

especially after what happened to the UK economy during the Thatcher years of the 1980s, other economists have suggested that their views simply caught an anti-statist moment; that the expansion of the taxfinanced sector was not the main cause of Britain's slow growth, and that the real

problem was low productivity growth, independent of the proportion of consumption which is tax-financed.

Even if that is so, Bacon and Eltis, as Lord Skidelsky writes in an introduction to their revisiting of their views, clearly helped create an intellectual climate favourable to Thatcherism". Now, even policy proponents on the Right acknowledge that much of the intellectual thrust in politics and the economy is clustering round

Tony Blair's new Labour. Giving warning of a "return to the destabilization sequence from which Britain and 1970s", Bacon and Eltis suggest that two significant developments would first have to occur: extra public spending would again be allowed to "cream off" most of the fruits of economic growth, and a future government would return to becoming an employer of last resort to bring unemployment back to the far lower levels of the 1950s and 60s. All three main political parties say they

have no intention of doing anything to promote such **€** Outcome of the election, developments. But a future and what Labour government is likely to follows, will face strong pressures for higher public be proof **9**

spending; despite the pledges of Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, his Shadow Chancellor. Equally, Labour is under pressure to commit itself to repro-

moting full employment. Many in economics and politics forget previous disasters and the political and intellectual battles which had to be won to re-establish the foundations of a viable economy," Bacon and Eltis write now. "Another crisis like those the UK survived in 1976 and 1979 could recur if the combination of policies which destabilized the economy in the 1970s is allowed to re-emerge." The outcome of the elec-

tion, and what follows, will be the proof of that. In the 1990s, the Bacon and Eltis thesis is unlikely to have the same resonance. But far from recanting, the authors are sticking to their last and say the poor perfor-mance they identified lies lurking, waiting to return. ☐ Britain's Economic Problem Revisited: Robert Bacon and Walter Eltis. (Macmillan Press; £45 and £14.99.)

BUSINESS LETTERS

a 640 ml bottle of "T" Brand would offer

Subsidy dangers of electricity at below its real cost

From the Chief Executive, Association of Electricity

Sir, The Energy Intensive Users' Group (EIUG) is right to demand liberalisation of European electric-ity markets. Monopoly vested interests are denying customers a choice of suppliers and British businesses with operations elsewhere in Europe are paying the price

It is unfortunate, however. that the EIUG used the occasion to take yet another swipe at the British electricity market ("Large users press for action power pool". May 2).

Britain has led the way in liberalising electricity markets and customers are enjoying the benefits. As recently as April 30, the electricity regulator's annual report confirmed that there is increasing competition in generation and sup-ply and that "real prices to industrial customers were between 4 per cent and 13 per cent lower than in the previous year, some 14 per cent to 20 per cent lower than at vesting

From Mr Desmond J. Weaver

Sir, I refer to Pennington's

"Light at the (Euro) Tunnel's End" (May 8). What a shower

we British are when it comes to

organising ourselves to fight

for a fair deal for shareholders

- those forgotten people who put up lots of cash to get the

finest civil engineering project in the world completed against

all possible odds. I am extreme-

ly glad that, in this instance, we

are outnumbered, on at least a

four-to-one ratio, by our French

colleagues, who, true to form,

are prepared to take to the

streets in support of the com-

mon cause. Vive la différence!

(1990). I am far from certain that the large users want market prices. I suspect that they simply want electricity at below its real cost. That means subsidies, paid for by others, but it would be a rather confusing message for our European partners. Yours faithfully,

DAVID PORTER. Chief Executive, Association of Producers. 1st Floor. 41 Whitehall.

ton, who, with typical flair,

Eurotunnel struggle Compass point

From Mr Bernard Selwyn Sir, Pennington (May 10) mentions Compass Group's purchase of Payne and Gunter which is responsible for the catering at Twickenham.

In 1756, Ann Gunter, married Domenicus Negri, a confectioner from Turin. They opened a shop in Berkeley Square, where it existed until 1931. They had no children but

Ann brought nephews and JULIAN METCALFE, conieces into the business and founder of Pret A Manger, one, James Gunter inherited the pukka sandwich chain. it. He, his son Robert and a is moving to the country. second cousin John Gunter For the sake of his three developed the firm and, to children, Metcalfe, 36, is supply the produce, acquired leaving the magnificence enormous areas of market of his E1.65 million congarden land at Earls Court, verted schoolhouse in Bat-Chelsea and Fulham. The tersea, southwest London, family found that building on for a derelict house in this land could generate a Oxfordshire. In August. more profitable income than Metcalfe and his clan will the shop and the business was shut the door for the last sold in the last century. time on their open-plan John would have felt at

home in the head office of Compass, overlooking Hammersmith Bridge. He was on the old bridge management committee company for many Yours faithfully.

BERNARD SELWYN.

3 Hogarth Road, SW5.

determination, it is nothing compared with the forthright leadership of Sir Alastair Mor-

Much as I admire their

decided that a settlement to the financial crisis should be ne-

a job for shareholders. Well done, Sir Alastair! Yours faithfully,

From Mr John Higgins Sir. In your account of the prospective Lloyd's settlement no mention is made of the interests of past and future policyholders ("Llovd's names thrown £1.2bn lifeline". May 6). If the risk and liability that the names contracted to accept

gotiated under French law, where shareholders' rights are at least given fair weighting. Under British law, we all would have been dead and buried by now by the banking consortium. When the banks called for Sir Alastair's head a

this final problem is solved? I understand that within 12 months, there might well be a vacancy in very senior government — a far less onerous job. DESMOND J. WEAVER, 4 Mavis Grove.

Protection for Lloyd's policyholders an issue

policyholders and future premiums. Who is protecting their interests in the current negotiations? Yours faithfully, JOHN HIGGINS. Friern Cottage. Doctors Commons Road, Berkhamsted, Herts. is now to be capped, this must

few weeks ago, it was obvious that he must be doing too good But what for his future once

Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

have an important impact on

thing?

Reading.

Yours faithfully.

DAVID LINDSAY,

36 Orchard Coombe,

Health warning

Whitchurch Hill,

From Dr Graham Jackson Sir. Commenting on BAT's profits, Tempus (May 2) suggests that "investors should not be fooled into believing tobacco is a dying industry". Unfortunately, from a medical viewpoint, that is exactly what it is. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM JACKSON (Consultant Cardiologist). Guy's Hospital, St Thomas Street, SEL

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Optimism at Compass after 118% increase

By PHILIP PANGALOS

FRANCIS MACKAY, chief executive of Compass Group, the world's biggest contract caterer, is confident of prospects after acquisitions, strong organic growth and improved margins helped the group to more than double first-half profits.

The company, which last year paid £589 million to acquire Eurest, the French catering arm of Accor, saw pre-tax profits advance 118.7 per cent to £67.8 million in the six months to March 31.

Turnover, which was boosted by acquisitions, expanded by 67.9 per cent to Mr Mackay said: "We saw

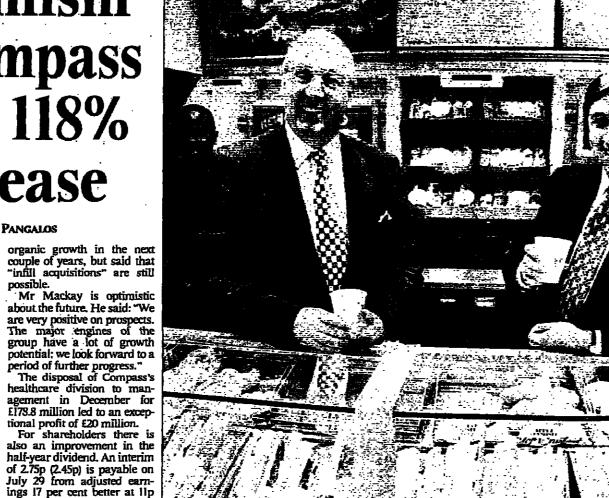
strong organic growth in all the group's divisions and an excellent first half-year contribution from Eurest Inter-national. We are going to focus on gripping some of the organic growth opportunities

Mr Mackay sees scope for further margin improve-ment. He said the improving trend in the current margin, of just over 5 per cent, is expected to continue in the second half.

Substantial growth is expected in Scandinavia. while improvement is also expected in the potential-ly huge United States

Compass also expects to see a big increase in market share in Germany, the biggest rnarket in Europe and the least contracted. Mr Mackay said: "The recession in Germany has made companiles there very wary of outsourcing, but we expect this to turn as the economy improves. There is a strong growth rate to come through

Mr Mackay added that the company will concentrate on | 10p, against 9p in the previ-



Time clocks up 33% profit rise

By Clare Stewart

chairman, said that the luxury

watches business was very

He reported good progress in both the UK and North

America, although he said that the strong Swiss franc

had made the Swiss market

Time Products' main mar-

ket brands in the UK recorded

significant turnover and prof-

its growth, helped by the

performance of the market

1.7 million watches last year.

rose 13p to 348p yesterday.

ader, Sekonda, which sold

Shares in Time Products

more difficult.

SALES of luxury watches ous year Marcus Margulies, helped Time Products to achieve a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £16.6

per share. On the stock mar-

ket. Compass shares closed 7p

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Demand for its Audemars Piguet and Piaget brands, top models of which sell for a few hundred thousand pounds apiece, helped the group to shrug off losses in America.

The results came in well ahead of City forecasts, with turnover up 14 per cent to E91 million and earnings 26.8 per

The final dividend is 6.5p. making a total for the year of

Fine Art tops City forecasts

SHARES in Fine Art Developments, the mail order and greetings card group, jumped 15 pence to 498p yesterday, as it reported a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £395 million for the year to March 31. significantly better than City forecasts.

Sales from card and paper products rose by 18 per cent to £181 million, lifted by the group's growing presence in America. UK sales grew by 20 per cent, helped by a sharp ncrease in demand for branded cards from WH Smith and

Operating profits in Fine Art's mail order divison rose 4 per cent to £24.9 million. despite suffering a serious

setback from the French postal strike last summer. Overall. sales in the division rose by 15 per cent to £214 million.

UK mail order sales were

lifted by the introduction of a 'structured credit' scheme, which drew an increase in spending per customer by including new catalogues with clients' monthly statements. The company said that the scheme, which brought in 69 per cent of mail order sales, was made feasible by a shift in its cutstomer base from agents to individual buyers.

Keith Chapman, chairman of Fine Art, said that the company planned to invest heavily in its self-help division, which supplies fundraising catalogues to a total of 16.5p, up from 15.3p.

churches, schools and charities who retain 25 per cent of sales. He said British schools, hit by drops in government funding, were turning to charity catalogues to raise cash.

We are getting to the stage where the Government cannot fund everything that is re-quired," he said. "Self-help is the logical way forward, and with our charity catalogues. we are ideally placed in this growing market." He added that the company did not expect the situation to change under a Labour government.

Earnings were a new high of 43.86p a share, a rise of 35 per cent. A 12.8p final dividend, lifted from 11.8p. makes

ing landing fees, ground han-

dling charges and catering — kept artificially high through a

lack of competition at Europe's state-owned airports,

there was little chance of any

new airlines being able to offer low fares and make a profit.

British Midland, he said.

therefore preferred to operate

out of Heathrow, where land-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Transmissions losses offset Alvis advance

SHARES in Alvis, the defence equipment manufacturer, fell 142p to 135p as continued losses at the group's transmissions business offset a surge in first-half profits. A strong performance from Alvis Vehicles, which maintained a healthy level of deliveries of Scorpion and Stormer armoured vehicles to overseas customers, helped to drive pre-tax profits up to 55 05 milion /51 8 million in the six months to March 21 up to £5.05 million (£1.8 million) in the six months to March 31.
Turnover was £55.1 million (£37.3 million). However, losses

at Alvis Transmissions, including restructuring costs, exceeded £2 million because of lower than expected sales and a number of one-off charges. Further losses at the operation are expected in the second half, before an anticipated improvement the next year. Alvis had net cash of £23.3 million at the half-way stage. An interim dividend of lp (0.75p) is payable on September 9. from earnings of 6p (0.9p).

Concentric advances

CONCENTRIC, the engineering products company, lifted pre-tax profits 3.3 per cent to £5.34 million in the six months to March 31, in spite of a decreased contribution from its core UK sector. A lull in demand from UK car manufacturers and increased pressure on aluminium margins reduced UK turnover to £48.5 million, a fall of 5 per cent. Overseas sales grew 20 per cent to £26.1 million. Earnings rose to £.58p a share (6.37p) and there is an interim dividend of £.05p (1.95p).

Clyde in Australian bid

CLYDE PETROLEUM, the UK oil exploration and production company, has made a A\$172.8 million (£91.4 million) bid for Crusader, an Australian oil and gas group. The offer of A\$1.62 a share is backed by Triton Energy, which owns 49.9 per cent of Crusader. The acquisition would give Clyde a fourth production base, adding to its interests in the UK. The Netherlands and Indonesia and increasing its overall oil and equivalent reserves by 30 per cent to 130 million barrels.

Ferguson in the red

RONNIE IRVING has quit as managing director of Ferguson International, the labels, printing and publishing group that has reported losses of £1.1 million for the year to February 29 (pre-tax profit £12.8 million). Operating profits for the year were £13.6 million, but there were net exceptional charges of Ell.17 million against disposals. There is a final dividend of 8.75p a share, payable on July 10. The total is unchanged at 13.25p. There was a loss of 11.9p a share (earnings of 23.5p).

Greenway Holdings slips

GREENWAY HOLDINGS, the waste oil recycler, saw its pre-tax profits fall to £750,000 in the year to March 31, from £1.82 million in the previous 12 months. Eugene Quigley, chairman, blamed the fall on reduced sales volumes and increases in overheads at Precision Oils, which Greenway bought in February 1995. Earnings per share fell from 6.62p to 2.58p. A final dividend of 1.5p per share is to be paid on July 16, making a total of 2p. a fall of 0.5p.

Talks on duty-free outlets

ALLDERS is in talks that could lead to it selling Allders International, its worldwide duty-free outlets. With a turn-over in excess of E650 million, Allders is the largest duty-free retailer in Britain and the second largest in the world. Latest annual results for the year to September 30, 1995, showed the group suffered an 8 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £23.5 million, from £25.5 million, largely because of the effects of higher than expected opening costs and the warm summer.

Chrysler splits stock

CHRYSLER, the carmaker, surprised Wall Street yesterday by announcing a two-for-one stock split and a one-sixth rise in its quarterly dividend. Robert Eaton, chairman, told Chrysler's annual meeting that the group would split its stock and boost its dividend to 70 cents a share, from 60 cents on a pre-split basis. With the dividend previously at triple the level at this time two years ago. Wall Street analysts had expected little if any pressure on the carmaker to raise its payout.

New offer for Elys

THE battle for Elys, the Wimbledon department store, took a new twist yesterday with a recommended bid by Morleys, a private company with four department stores in London's suburbs. The offer of 670p per share compares with an average 600p offered by Panther Securities and rejected by Elys. Andrew Perloff, Panther's executive chairman, said it was considering whether to increase its two-tier offer of 750p for one of every three shares held and 485p for the balance.

N Brown buys Sartor

N BROWN, the catalogue home-shopping ¹ group, has acquired Sartor, a privately owned mail order business based in Bingley, West Yorkshire, for £6 million. Founded in 1917, Sartor supplies garments from a range of catalogues aimed mainly at the over-50s and which includes John Harvey and Watkins & Cole. In the year to June 30, 1995, turnover was £9.7 million and adjusted profits were £900,000 before tax. Sartor has a database of 700,000 customers.

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Europe barring low air fares, says **British Midland**

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT almost every charge - includ-

EUROPEAN airline passengers are being denied lower fares because state-owned airports on the Continent are deliberately stifling competi-tion. European labour laws are also forcing airlines to pay very high wages and redun-dancy payments, which pre-vent genuinely low-cost airlines from operating profit-ably, according to Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, the airline operator.

The cost of operating from a European airport, Sir Michael said, was up to 40 per cent higher than it was in Britain and would remain so until air-port monopolies were broken

up.
"British airlines cannot get their costs down to the levels of the American operators, but, in turn, the Continental Europeans don't even begin to approach the UK's own low

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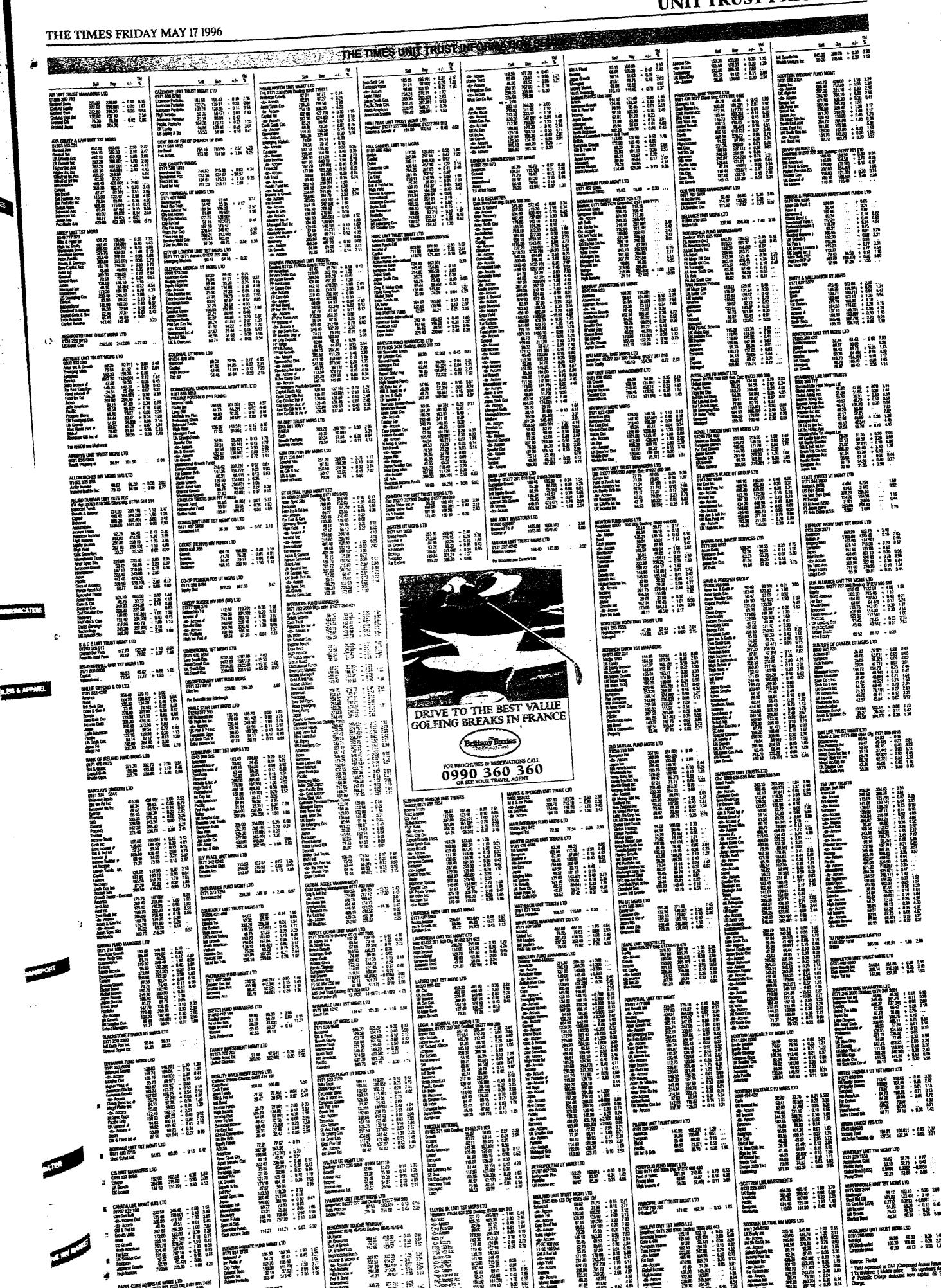
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Old rivals still close

ambridge and Ox-ford remain locked together at the top of the Times university league table. Even with two new indicators and a different source of information, only five points out of 1.000 sepa-

rate the ancient rivals. The two universities have

John O'Leary on winners, also-rans and losers in the new Times table

ial College, London, in this year's rankings. There has been considerable movement elsewhere at the top of the table, with St Andrews leaping

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ty, which are included in the table for the first time. The university's ten top ratings in assessed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England gave it a clear lead in that

category.

The highest entry standards of any British university, by far the largest proportion of firsts and the legacy of an outstanding performance in the last research assessment exercise enabled Cambridge to

maintain its leading position. But Oxford's good graduate employment. record and particu-larly its library spending kept the

gap down. In spite of the ancient universities' continuing dominance, how ever, they are eclipsed in some of the categories measured in the Times rankings. Buckingham, for example, has by far the high-

est proportion of overseas students, an indicator restored to the table this year as a measure of international reputation.

Data supplied for the first time by the new Higher Education Statistics Agency showed Imperial College to have the most generous staff-ing levels and St Andrews to have the most residential accommodation for the size of the university. The London School of Economics matched Cambridge's research record.

Among the former polytech-nics, Kingston and Oxford Brookes were the highestplaced, although none fin-ished ahead of any of the traditional universities. Both Kingston and Oxford Brookes have been well-placed throughout the four years in which the rankings have been compiled, and replace the West of England at the head of the category.

In the assessment of "value added", which takes account of entry standards in relation

to degree classifications and graduate employment records, Manchester Metropolitan University has the best score. Glamorgan, Paisley, Nottingham Trent, Sunderland, Kingston and Strathclyde are all close behind.

Paisley and Abertay have moved off the bottom positions they occupied last year. Humberside and Luton, which replace them, both suffer under the new system of collecting data on accommodation and staffing levels.

As in previous years, the table omits university institutions such as Cranfield and the London Business School, which are wholly or predominantly postgraduate, and also

omits the Open University, which restricts itself to distance education. The table, which will also appear on the Times Internet

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edition, is intended as a signpost for students considering a university appolytechnic plication. It gives a broad indication of university's standing, but can only be the starting-point for more

detailed inquiries. traditional Substantial changes in the university' ranking can be expected next year, when new research

assessments and more detailed ratings of teaching quality will be available. There may also be a wider spread of scores, as some universities are forced to cut back on areas such as staffing levels and

library spending.
Only this week, an adjournment debate in the House of Commons focused on the worsening financial prospects for the nine Yorkshire universities. Professor Gareth Roberts, the Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University and chairman of the vice-chancellors national committee, said a 28 per cent decline in the funding for each student during the past six years was endanger-

☐ The ranking is one of the features of a paperback book of The Times Good University Guide, which will be pub-lished by Times Books at the end of the month, It will be on sale in bookshops and can be ordered by phone on 01525

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his year's ranking has seen more changes than any previ-ous year. The most important developments are the reintroduction of a measure for teaching and the use of data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency, Department for Education and Employment and the Universities Statistical Record.

The tables used in the guide are constructed from a number of sources. The final outcome remains a "poll of polls", constructed by converting raw data described below into individual rankings. A measure of 100 does not equate with an institution achieving 100 per cent against, say, international students. It indicates that the particular university has the highest ranking of those in the table. Other universities are, then, measured and ranked against that institution.

The first edition of the University Guide included information on teaching. Its limited coverage led to the suspension of this category until better data became available. This is from individual institutions was col-

now the case for a wide array of

subjects. Although some subjects are yet to be assessed, a majority of the student population is now covered by official teaching assessments and the disciplines embraced are reasonably rep-

resentative of the main academic

Some difficulties were caused by the different approaches to teaching assessment adopted by the separate funding councils for England, Wales and Scotland. In the guide, excellent, satisfactory and unsatisfactory ratings were given the same weighting for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Departments in Scotland classified as highly satisfactory were given a score at the midpoint between satisfactory and excellent. Universities were ranked

on an average of their scores. In previous years, information

lected using a variety of sources. The collated estimates were sent to vicechancellors to check and correct.

Some commentators questioned the consistency and reliability of this data. Professor Peter Toyne, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, argued forcibly that data from official, nationally recognised sources should be used, and suggested the new Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

Collaboration with HESA, which was set up by the vice-chancellors and college principals, meant that data on staff-student ratios, student accommodation, the proportion of first class degrees awarded and the proportion of international students were available from a single source.

Information on library expenditure was supplied by the Standing Conference of National & University Libraries. Material on employment was constructed using data from the Department for Education and Employment, and the Universities Statistical Record. The section on research was based on the last completed research assessment exercise undertaken by the Higher Education Funding Councils,

The use of these official sources adds considerably to the Guide. It prompted several additional changes. In the past, information on admission standards was based on grades achieved by students winning places at universities. This year, in order to use an official source, the focus shifted to grades required for admission as indicated in the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service's University and College Entrance: official guide. Where information was not provided in the official guide, institutions were approached about the grades expected for the same bundle of subjects. The

lack of reliable data from a compara-

ble source led to the decision to eliminate data on completion rates. Inevitably, the use of data for the first time — especially material gathered from new agencies — led to teething troubles. Some element of aggregation is an inevitable featureof efforts to present the data in easily understood and manageable forms.

This aggregation is especially no-ticeable in the presentation of data on employment. For the large majority of institutions, these were permanent and short-term employment the proportion of graduates recorded as unemployed and those going on to research and further study. Shortterm employment was given less weighting than permanent work.

The hardest indicator to construct is the estimate for value added. This is calculated by taking the entry standards reached in the normal year of entry and using these to project likely outcomes for completion, firsts and employment. These projections are then measured against the actual outcomes using a series of derations

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says the most popular places are not always the top flight

ritain's newest university has recorded the biggest rise na-tionally in demand for places so far this year. The University of Abertay at Dundee has just celebrated its second birthday as a fullyfledged university with a 6.2 per cent increase in applica-tions. Not an astounding leap on the face of it, but universities were predicting 25 per cent fewer applicants this year because the number of course choices students can make has been cut from eight to six.

Abertay accepts that a major reason for the increased interest is its change in name from Dundee Institute of Technology — which appeared for the first time this year in the handbook for students produced by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Ser-

vice (Ucas) Grahame Wright, assistant principal at Abertay, says: This is a university where the students do well on the employment front and we are working closely with schools

to involve teachers directly." Teesside, another of the most improved recruiters. puts its success down to the



A lecture at Kingston University, which improved its performance to come joint top of the new universities league

gradual impact of the name change from polytechnic to university, combined with high-profile local marketing. Nearly 40 per cent of applicants come from the area.

Innovative courses have helped to raise its profile nationally; for example its criminology programme attracts 900 applicants.

All figures are based on a Ucas report compiled on April 12. Although the leading traditional universities have increased their share of applications, a number of new

universities have done well this year. Kingston, for example, which tops The Times ranking for the sector with Oxford Brookes, has improved its share by 2 per cent.

Several of the large colleges of higher education have recorded the biggest gains in their share of this year's total student applications compared to last year. Roehampton Institute's market share is up 36 per cent on 1995, Bolton Institute's by 33 per cent and Nene College. Northampton, by 22 per cent.

Universities with the biggest increase in market share of applicants this year compared to their market share in 1995 (as of April 12) are Abertay (up 36.1 per cent); Cambridge (33); Oxford (23.7); Imperial College, London (17.2); University College London (14); University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (13.7); Strathclyde (12.4) Teesside (11.7); Liverpool (11.5); London

The universities experiencing the biggest decrease of market share are Anglia Poly-

School of Economics (11).

technic University (26 per cent down); Keele (22.2); Tharnes Valley (22): Buckingham (18.1); Sussex (18): Hull (16.9); Staffordshire (14.4); Bradford (13.7); Swansea (12.5); Wolverhampton (12.3).

Universities receiving the highest numbers of applica-tions: Manchester (42,925); (41,218); Nottingham Leeds (40,514); Ulster (39,466); Birmingham (38,004); Sheffield (37,592); Manchester Metropolitari (36,594); Nottingham Trent (34,829); Bristol (32,978); Liverpool JMU (30,813).

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ith Oxford and Cam-bridge both improv-ing their share of the applications market, the choice of college becomes more important than ever.

To supplement the information in Monday's Good University Guide, we are reprinting the latest tables of college examination results. Neither is generally available since the universities do not cooperate in their production.

The Oxford ranking is known as the Norrington Table, after its originator. Sir Arthur Norrington, a former president of Trinity College. It places colleges by awarding five points for each first-class degree, four for a 2:1, three for a 2.2 and one for a third.

The table was first suggested by Sir Arthur in a letter to The Times in 1963. It has been criticised by dons for perpetuating divisions in the university, and for the past three years college affiliations have been removed from examination lists in an attempt to prevent its compilation. Cambridge's equivalent, the

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by Peter Tompkins, a London actuary. Points are awarded on the same basis and college totals divided into their maximum possible score



EDINBURGH'S undisputed dominance of The Times university league table in Scotland comes to an end today with the ascendancy of St Andrews in the rankings.

Tompkins Table, was devised

The two universities both improved on last year's performance to share fourth place, with strong grades for teaching assessment and quality of student accommodation helping St Andrews up from 15th last year. St Andrews has

awarded five excellent gradings for teaching in the eight departments so far assessed by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council, compared with six out of 13 at Edinburgh.

Edinburgh was up from fifth in a good year for the

Scottish universities, with 10 out of 13 improving their table The biggest leap was for

Dundee, up 17 places to 30th, helped by its excellent record on graduate employment. The new universities of Napier in Edinburgh and Robert Gordon in Aberdeen also recorded impressive rises, of 13 and 12 places respectively.

What is happening outside Oxbridge and London?

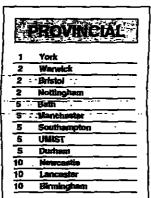
Changing provinces

A CLOSER look at English institutions' rankings shows movement among both the new and traditional universi-

For the first time, York emerges as the top provincial university in a ranking that excludes Oxbridge and the London University college As one of the campus universities of the 1960s, York's success in overhauling much longerestablished institutions should encourage the new univer-

Warwick, one of York's contemporaries, had already achieved the feat. It now shares second place with Bris-

tol and Nottingham. Still a small university. York's seventh place in our main table reflects its high entry standards and successes in quality assessment ratings. Only Cambridge scored more highly for teaching.



Among the new universi-ties. Oxford Brookes and Kingston are the nearest to catching their older counter-parts. The former Oxford Polytechnic, which was second in this category last year. achieved more "excellent" ratings for teaching than any other new university and had

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began a decade ago. Medicine and dentistry remain among the most soughtafter courses, with more than a dozen applicants chasing every place.

The largest growth in interest has been for courses in marketing and market research, with a 36.6 per cent rise in applications. Demand is also up for drama, by 20.9 per cent. design studies (18.6 per cent), scientific psychology (16.9 per cent), music (13.5 per cent), communication studies (11.1 per cent) and maths (9.6 per cent).

ubject areas suffering a decline this year include civil engineering (down 11.6 per cent), environmental science (11.6 per cent), social psychology (II per cent), chemistry (10.3 per cent) and biochemistry (9.6 per cent).

The figures, from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, are adjusted to allow for the reduction in choices available on the Ucas form from eight to six courses. Ucas received 341,842 application forms by its December deadline, 5,479 fewer than at that stage last year. The drop

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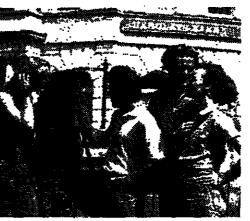
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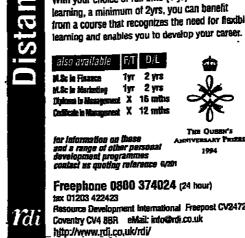
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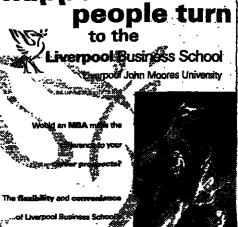
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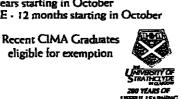
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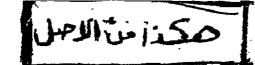
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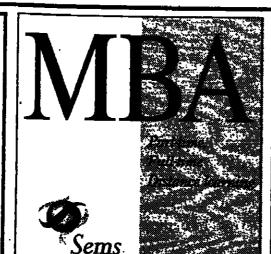
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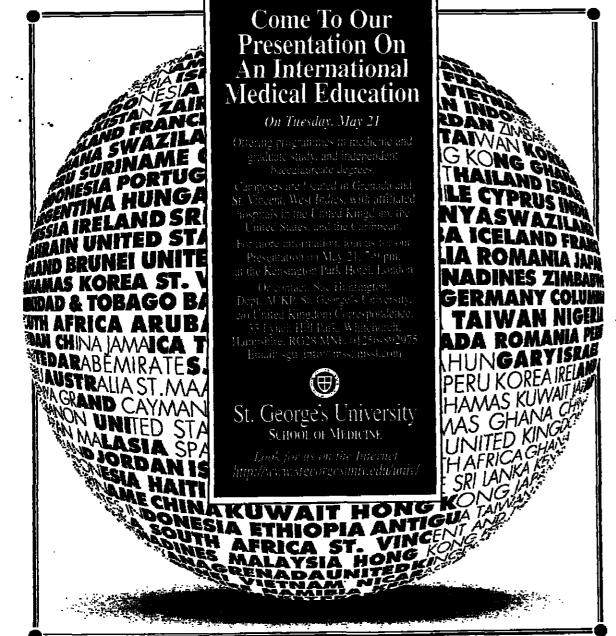
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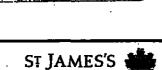
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Dawn on the Downs: Miss Upshaw prepares to die nobly on Glyndebourne's opening night



CABARET

.. while at the Café Royal Cybill Shepherd goes moonlighting into popular song with sad results





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The RSC overplays the farce of Three Hours After Marriage, a rarity by Pope and Gay



THEATRE 2

A jewel on the Fringe: Peter Moffat displays a Pinteresque touch in his fine new Iona Rain

Pop of the Cork

THIS 24-year-old singer from Cork had the Jazz Café captivated with her understated, almost whispered songs that talk of the fragility of emotions and the high risk of relation-ships without ever descending

Lohan demands that an audience listen to her on her own terms. She opened with a gentle, acoustic version of Who Do You Think I Am, the title track from her first alburn, which managed the unusual feat of silencing the chatterers within seconds. Tall and slender, she sang in a voice as soft as the Cork air as she ran through half a dozen mostly acoustic numbers.

Only when she had the audience hanging on her ev-

> Sinead Lohan Jazz Café

ery word did the band step up a gear with a countryish version of Bob Dylan's To Ramona, the only non-original song she performs. "He needs the royalty cheque," she

Her own songs display an astonishing maturity, tightly disciplined and never extending to five minutes when three will do. Lohan is less MOR than Mary Black, not as jazzy as Mary Coughlan and although there is a trace of both Sinead O'Connor and Dolores O'Riordan in the voice, she is more subtle than either.

The four-strong band (which includes two former members of Hector Pickaxe and his Floating Crowbars, the late-lamented and finest exponents of Irish new country) played with a quiet understatement that is rare in noisy metropolitan clubs.

At times the band sounded almost as ethereal as Buffalo Springfield from the late 1960s as guitar and keyboards lent a hypnotic quality to songs such as Bee In The Bottle and Did I Do The Right Thing.

By the end Lohan was

rocking, albeit still in a folky sort of way. There are appearances this summer at the Fleadh, London's biggest showcase of Irish music, and the Cambridge Folk Festival. By the autumn nobody will be asking whom she sounds like. They will be asking if the new voices from Ireland are half as good as Lohan.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON | tenor admirer, Didymus, one

Bring on Glyndebourne's hecklers, the soprano Dawn Upshaw tells John Higgins



"Will the first night be stormy? If it is, I will know what to expect": Dawn Upshaw looks forward to her Glyndebourne debut in the Peter Sellars Theodora

awn Upshaw is not Martyr to the Sellars cause used to playing the martyr. The American soprano, who is in her mid-thirties, has gained most of her operatic fame impersonating younger and more materialistic girls. There has been plenty of Mozart: Susanna, Pamina and the chambermaid Serpetta in La finta giardinera. She sings

the two fluffy Sophies, in Rosenkavalier and Werther. late convert to Christianity. Recently she has been estab-The production is in the lishing herself as a lady with a

hands of Peter Sellars. a "We're playing Theodora in those points could be condirector who inspires fierce contemporary dress, but it is a minus, so I accepted."

This will be I inshaw's bit more spirit — Anne True-love in Stravinsky's The loyalties from many of his singers and equally fierce Rake's Progress — and her recording of the opera comes opposition from some of his figure and bovish haircut will audience. His Magic Flute caused ugly noises at with her first Cherubino at the Glyndebourne a few years ago, but the house has staved faithful 10 him.

But Handel's Theodora. Upshaw admits to being a which opens the Glyndebourne summer tonight, is a devotee: We worked together different matter. Upshaw on Messiaen's Saint François takes the title role, a nobleat the Salzburg Festival and in Paris, also a few months ago woman of Antioch in AD 304. who says goodbye to worldly on a staged Bach cantata in pleasures to defend the Chris-New York. Peter has total tian faith in the face of Roman understanding of the links oppression. Inevitably she between music and text. He goes to her death after a also has an eerie instinct for lengthy duet with her counter what's going on in the private lives of his singers and can

of the occupation force and a turn that to dramatic advan- Xerxes. I looked at Theodora tage. He doesn't delve: it's almost a sixth sense.

> not set in any specific time or place. Peter is making the production realistic and fluid. but he is not taking an aggressive approach. Will the first night be stormy? If it is, then I've had the experience before and will know what to expect. But we're not in it to cause a riot."

The theme of persecution in Theodora is one that has always been very close to Sellars's heart. Did he choose Upshaw for the title role? "I hope so. I was certainly not known as a Handel specialist. The offer came while I was in Santa Fe, singing my only other Handel, Romilda in

and found that it was lower and less florid. Neither of We're playing Theodora in those points could be counted

> This will be Upshaw's debut with the Glyndebourne Festival on its home ground. When it was in exile in the Festival Hall in 1993, she sang Hero in Berlioz's Béatrice et Bénédict - "Nice role. I get the best music." In between she sold a mil-

lion records with the slow movement from Gorecki's Third Symphony, which took by surprise everyone from the composer and the soprano to the record label. Gorecki is supposed to be producing a new work for her and the Kronos Quartet, but it has not yet arrived (surprise takes a little time to work through the

Cottrell adds others, as well as

an attempt to give motivation to Susannah's choice of Fossil as husband. But Jane Gurnett's hard playing does

not raise the character above

the level of a calculating

damage is done to the play by

transposing it from 1717 to the

mid-Victorian era, where men's smoking caps look fun-

ny enough for farce but not a

farce that exhibits such brava-

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system). So some recent records have come from a totally different sphere, notably I Wish It So, songs from American musicals of the grittier kind which won her the Gramophone award in the music-theatre category last year. Next month sees an album of Rodgers and Hart, including some little played

"When I went to college, I thought my future would probably lie in stage musi-cals," she says. "Both my parents sang folk music, and from the age of about five I was joining in. I did some amateur productions in my teens, but once into study. I was sidetracked into Mozart and remained there for some

So would she take to the musical stage if the right piece came along? Only under certain conditions, such as a performance every third night. I couldn't bear to do the same thing evening after evening. I need variety in my life and in my career."

Theodora is certainly going to provide that. ■ Theodora opens at Glynde-

bourne Opera House, Lewes, East Sussex (01273 813813) tonight

Moonlighting star shines dim

THE Princess of Wales caused some merriment by loitering in an operating theatre, but it would not have been quite so funny, would it, if she had been allowed to wield a scalpel? Cybill Shepherd's pres-ence in the Green Room is every bit as incongruous. Forget scalpels, though. The only implement this woman knows how to use is a bludgeon.

In reality, this was less a concert, more a rather crowd-ed therapy session. Shepherd, you see, has always believed she has the ability to be a singer, and in the age of celebrity and self-validation there is no reason why she should not be allowed to go on the road with her fiance-cumpianist, Robert Martin.

The poor-woman's Marlene Dietrich, she puts on a fancy gown, tells a few self-deprecating jokes and expects the audience to listen sympathetically as she ruins That's Life and But Not For Me. And they do, of course, because Shepherd is a VIP and she wants everyone to join her in cele-brating "the third act of this incredible career". A star even of a middling sit-com gets what she wants.

Viewers who saw her on

CABARET Cybill Shepherd Café Royal

The Gaby Roslin Show last weekend will have known what to expect: all in all, she is to singing what Roslin is to interviewing. The best way to approach the opening night was in the same resigned spirit in which the Tories greeted the local elections. All to no avail. The live

performance proved even tackier, even down to the brazen use of prerecorded backing tracks. By turns shrill and coquettish, her voice seldom intersected with the melody; she seems to think that pitch is something that you make in a producer's office.

If you do not mind paying to gawp at a VIP indulging her hobby, go along. But you might as well pay to watch Bruce Forsyth play golf or to see Joan Collins put on her make-up. Ah, no, that is below the belt. Bruce can sink a putt and Joan looks quite nice.

CLIVE DAVIS

The iron man

FEW audiences can resist a little anarchic applause after Tchaikovsky's Pathétique Symphony, so a virtuoso piano transcription of this Scherzo is likely to provide a surefire send-off for any recitalist. And this was how 24-year-old Arkady Volodos chose to make

his mark in his London debut. It was almost as if he felt he had to justify the hype which had heralded him - and, indeed, the august presence of colleagues and compatriots such as Nikolai Demidenko and Dmitri Alexeev. It was certainly a loud and idiosyncratic programme.

He began with another Feinberg transcription, this time of the Largo from Bach's Organ Trio Sonata in C major, which immediately revealed a warm-hearted performer, totally at ease with the tricky task of balancing the threepart texture of the music and folding the decorative upper voices gently into the defining song of the bass.

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and the soul of the last sonatas already in the music's harmonic adventures and fleshed them out boldly and brilliantly. Scriabin's Sonata No 5 Op 53 balanced impulsive energy with clarity of structure. Volodos has nerves and muscles of iron, and an interpretative assurance which makes you eager to hear him again.

His recital was shared with two young contemporaries from the Paris Conservatoire: cellist Jerome Pernoo and pianist Jerome Ducros. In their Cello Sonatas by Beethoven (C major) and Brahms (F major), they showed them-selves to be true chambermusic players: minutely attentive. imaginatively recreative and uncovering many a forgotten voice in both cello and piano. They, too, must return soon.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE: Satire by Gay and Pope spoilt by RSC monkey business; London Fringe round-up

olonius would catego ise this as farcical-satirical-overthetoppable, and it is because of the last that Richard Cottrell's debut production for the RSC is less successful than a reading of the text had promised. The play is one of those obscure pieces the company unearths from time to time unperformed for centuries, and in this case worth digging out for the rare glimpse it offers of the

giants of the Augustan Age having fun making fun. Alexander Pope. 4ft high or whatever in his stockinged feet, was no physical giant, but his wit could fell a fellow the other side of town. Ridiculing a ripe collection of poseurs is the intention of the play, on which the youthful Pope collaborated with John Gay, he of The Beggar's Opera, and Dr Arbuthnot, the Royal Physician. Posturing lady-tragedians are no longer a menace to the stage - although, now I think about it ... no, let it pass and pompous critics, another target, have of course

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Laugh until you stop

Three Hours After Marriage Swan, Stratford

out next month. Her slim

suit her well for a sex change

Met in the coming season.

day there is only a little amusement to be found in these characters, who are fortunately peripheral.

The main plot shows how elderly Dr Fossil (Clive Francis) just manages to keep his newly married young wife out of the clutches of two gallants. Plotwell and Underplot, who pursue her in a variety of wild disguises. The blissfully funny climax occurs when an Eygptian munimy and an alligator are delivered to Fossil's museum. Perhaps it is only to be expected that, when the munnny case's door swings open, out shuffles Richard McCabe's Plotwell, so tightly swaddled in bandages that he must advance towards

Tindall as the coldly



Clive Francis, Adam Godley and Richard McCabe get silly

his love in little hops. But the comedy is capped when the alligator up-ends itself and proves to be Adam Godley's dashing Underplot. Francis has the look and never quite undignified, old gentleman, and he gives the character a voice that sometimes sounds as if delivered by well-oiled clockwork.

Transparently sexual puns posture of a bemused, yet occur in the original, and

Tanya Scott-Wil-

are a waste of time. At such moments the eye turns to Tim Goodchild's astonishing set: a wall of curiosities — giant dragonflies, small dinosaurs, a giraffe and a stuffed dodo. The play itself is no dodo and misguided stuffing has distorted its shape.

exits by trap door.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Hearts' bonds dissolve in a hard rain

ONCE in a blue moon the far-flung Fringe throws up a piece of theatre that outshines the West End's big cheeses. Make the trip to the Croydon Warehouse for Iona Rain by Peter Moffat. On a lonely Scottish island, where the interior of a crost fades into sea and sky, long-estranged school chums meet again, bringing their partners for a summer that turns sour as the host, Bruno, prises his guests apart.

Iona Rain is a slowly probing. tightly written exploration of bonds. aggression and loss, old wounds and exposure, sexuality and crossed lines. Moffat's play, winner of Croydon's 1995 International Playwriting Festival, has strong echoes of Pinter. Conversation is terse yet poetic, elusive yet loaded, familiar yet formalised. The strong cast includes Stephen

malicious, unhappy Bruno, Paul Brightwell as his witty, smart yet weak best friend, and Fiona Mollison as the latter's wife, damaged under the strong exterior. Jessica Dromgoule directs with characteristic calm, simplicity and sharply sensitive detailing.

Not so good, Sykes and Nancy, at
the BAC, is a two-handed anempt to

dramatise Dickens with no props but lashings of physical exaggeration, with multiple role-playing but little dexterity. Dickens, of course, turned his storytelling into barnstorming theatrical displays all on his tod. However, this modest production falls between two stools artistically: too thin on one hand, with just five short sketches; too clumsily broad on the other, with

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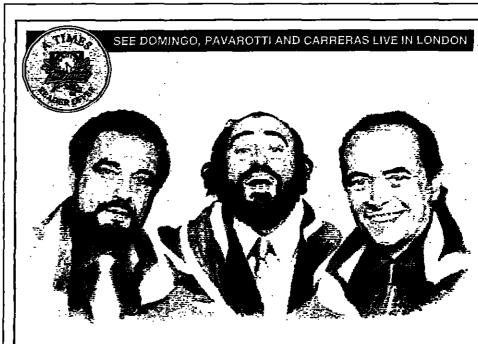
son's crudely leering Fanny Squeers and Paul De Ville Morel's nerdy Nicholas Nickleby. There are a few amusing moments as a floppy-armed corpse gets frisky with Martin Chuzzlewit's Mrs Gamp but there is no darkness or tension. The late burst of experimentalism mistires with Nancy launching into Stand By Your man as she is felled

However, at the Finborough Theatre in Earl's Court, the new London-based Irish company Liffey Street presents a highly commendable revival of Ger FitzGibbon's The Rock Station, set in 1866. Stuck in a wooden lighthouse off the West Coast, two brothers find themselves fatally entwined with Fenianism. The claustrophobic restrictions

generate the power, upping the temperature as Peter, who has tried to escape his family, quarrels with Eddic, who arrives and ransacks the place. warning of the arrival of inspectors searching for an arms cache.

The brothers are a complex mix of naivety and harsh experience, paranoia and carelessness, fully fleshed-out while symbolising Ireland's historic infighting. The action does get creaky. and the climactic fire is ropily staged. But the whitewashed set and the Finborough's curving rear wall make a fine spartan lighthouse and the energy never flags, with Steven Dykes as the sturdy seadog Peter and Brendan Fleming as his younger sibling, seemingly breezy but dangerous.

KATE BASSETT



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MUSIC ON THE SOUTH BANK

Kryaden Zimerman graces the Festiva Hall (7.30pm), playing plano sonates by Haydn, Baethoven and Schubert, Over at the Oueen Bizabeth Hall (7.45pm),

the Nash Brawepble gives a recital including Debusey's Prélude à l'après-mici d'un laune and Messasen's Olese Exitiques, played by this widow, the plants! Yvonne Loriod. The music continues at the Festival Hall on Sunder!

Sunday (7 30pm) with the Prague Symphony Orchestre under Jiff Bélohávek, and Ralph Kirshaum playing Bjar's Callo Concerto. South Benk, SE1 (0171-928 2252).

MOSTLY SCANDINAVIAN: Marek

MOSTLY SCANDINAVIAN: Marek Janowski conducts the Royal Philibermonile in Fintendia and Valse frists by Sibelius and Schumann's Symphony No 2, interspersed with Grieg's Plano Concerto, played by the young Swede Peter Jabborskil. Barbleam, Sik Street, EC2 (0171-538 8891) Ternarrow, 7.30pm.

WIGHORE HALL Armied

WIGALORE HALL: A mase programme from Alexander Ballille, cello, and Roger Vignetes, plane, muchang the London premiere of Minna Keale's Ballille, 17 30pm). On Saturdey (7 30pm) the Leipzig String Casantet plays Mozart, Schubert end Breitmis's Clarinet Curriet (with Joy Famell), followed on Sunday (11 30pm) by Heydn, Webern and Beethovan. Wigneure Hall, Wigmore St, London W1 (01711-935 2141) (2)

☐ COMPANY: Adnan Lester, Shelia Cash, Sophie Thompson in an excallent staging of Sondhelm's bittersweet russical on mentage, pro and contra. Alberry, St Martin's Lene, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat. 30m

☐ DEFINITELY DORIS: Revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day High sugar content. Kling's Head, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mai Sat and Sun, 3 30pm Until May 26. ☐

ENDGAME: Akun Armstrong and Stephen Dilane in Katie Mitchell's production of middle-period Beckett.

(0171-369 1732) Mon-Set Spm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm Until May 25 👸

☐ MARY STUART: Supero playing by Arma Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen French actress Isabelle Huppert less at

ease with the language as her rival National (Lyttetion), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Tue, 7 30pm; mars Sat, Tue 2 15pm In rep (2)

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Opens May 21, 7pm. Then in rep 🔕 ☐ PHAEDRA'S LOVE: Sarah Kane's first play since Blasted, a re-invention

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WEEKEND CHOICE

CHOICE 1

the British Art

VENUE: See below

Show in Cardiff

Damien Hirst, one

of the attractions of

A daily guide to arts and entertakement compiled by Gillian Maxey

<u>ELSEWHERE</u> BRISAINGHAM: Lucy Alchurst plays the immortal Lordei Lee in Gentlamen Preter Blondeer Anthony Clerk's production uses the original 1920s stage version written by Anita Loos. Repertory, Centenary Square (01.21-236 4455) Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens May 21, 7.30pm. (a) CARDIFF: The British Art Show 4 CARDIFF: The British Art Show 4 arrives here from Manchester. More than 100 works by 26 contemporary British erists will be on visw, including Demien Hist's now enternous sheep in e formaticitycle tank. Participating galleries: Chapter Arts Centre, Frusimarket Gallery, Turner House, National Museum of Weles, Orlei Gallery. Further intermetion (01222 578 588). Tomorow-July 21.

BRIGHTON: Trishs Brown, one of the loremost choeographers in America, launches her British tour at the Brighton Festival. Brown: new work Mo, set to Bach's Musical Offering, is given with the gargeous post-modern classec Ser and Reset. Plus If you Couldn't See Me a snic for Proven breast, who

4141) ... Courteslet: Thomas Cainsborough (0171-873 2628) ... National Gellery: Pesellino's Tinity Altaplece (0171-747 2885) ... National Portrait Gellery: The Room in View (0171-306 0055) Royal Academy: Gustave Callebotte (0171-439 7438) Me, a solo for Brown herself, who dances with her back to the audience

THEATRE GUIDE House full, returns only Some seats available

N Some seats availab ☐ Seats at all prices Hippolykus grows in size and sloth. Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens May 20, 8pm. Until June 15. PORTIA COUGHLAN: Derbhia Crotty in the little role of Manna Carn's play where the loss of a drowned twin brother is set against the ordinariness of small-town freland

Royal Court, Soone Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745), Mon-Sat 7,30pm; mats Sat 3,30pm, Until June 1. N SYLVIA: Strange, romantic correctly by A R Gumey, with Robin Blis, Maria Attien and Zob Wanamalien as the stray dog (Sylvie) he finds in Central Park, Michael Baleernore directs, facilities. Distincts by Marine, WK łakemore directa. Joury Avenue, Wi Apolio, Shaftestoury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Now previewing, 8pm; mat Sat, 5pm. Opens May 20, 7pm SI TAP DOGS Dem Perry's sexted of dancers in working-boots returns to its building-site set. High energy stuff

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Pumpkins show **Brighton Festival** their defiantly VENUE: Tonight at the Theatre Royal, Brighton unreformed side From a whisper to a scream

Smashing Pumpkins Brixton Academy

■ CHOICE 2

Dancer Trisha

Thesitre Royal, New Road (01273 328 486). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

Other highlights at the Brighton Festival today include a recital by the bartone Thomes Allen, accompanied by the peniet Matchelm Martineau (Royal Pavillon, dom). Tornomow, the Russian State Philinarmonic Orchesters, under the low Philinarmonic Orchesters, under the peniet and the peniet an

Parison, opin; opinions, ire reassess State Philharmonic Orchestra, under Valery Polersky, gives a concert at the Done (gpm), while the African-American a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock is at the Done on Sunday (Spm). Festival box office (01273 703708),

GLYNDEBOURNE: The 1996 Festival

GLYNDEBOURNE: The 1996 Festival Opera season begins looky with Hander's Theodore, making as first appearance at Glyndebourne. Also making that Glyndebourne debuts are William Christle, conducting the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and Lorratine Hunt who sings from. The cast is led by Dewn Upshaw in the title role, with the American counter-tenor David Datales in the British debut as her lover Didymus. See feature, page 38 Box offlice, PO Box 624, Lawes, East Sussex, BMS 5LW (01273 813 813). Tonight, 5.10pm, Than May 19, 24, 26, June 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 17, 21.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Derek Jannan (0171-638 4141) . . . Courtwold: Thomas

Lyric, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045), Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm and 8.45pm.

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WHAT NOW, LITTLE MAN?: Anita

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LONG RUNNERS

Brown launches

her UK tour at the

ack in 1993, when Smashing Pumpkins started selling millions of copies of Siamese Dream, singer-songwriter Billy Corgan decided that the band's next record would be a double album. with acoustic songs on one record and rock tracks on the other. Last year's Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness was not quite as structured as that but this show - which began with a 40-minute acoustic set, followed by two-and-ahalf hours of heavy-duty rock

- was probably the kind of thing Corgan had in mind. For the first set, Corgan, guitarist James Iha and bassist D'Arcy perched themselves on high stools to play acoustically, while Jimmy Chamberlin hit a very modest drum kit. They began with their current single, Tonight, which seemed written to be heard this way. but there was very little repartee between the members of the band until they openly laughed at their attempts to

play Beautiful. When they returned to the stage for the main set, they made it clear that they were intent on rocking out by wearing different clothes. D'Arcy had swapped a delicate white dress for jeans and a T-shirt, while Corgan wore silver trousers, his shaven head — formerly covered by a woolly hat — now bared. The word "zero", which was



■ POP I

Back to the

heavy metal:

the Smashing

Billy Corgan, sensitive singer-songwriter, at the Academy. Corgan, the heavy metal rock-god, made a later appearance emblazoned across Corgan's sweatshirt and is also the title of one of the songs, summed up the changes that Smashing Pumpkins have undergone. Once regarded as a highly fashionable grunge band, they have now retreated back into the terminally unstylish world of heavy metal, drawing on

Black Sabbath and Judas Priest.

But although most of the songs relied on squalling guitars, gigantic riffs and a series of cliched rock poses, there was still room for subtlety. This was best shown when Iha sang the Cure's Boys Don't Cry, which segued into the original inspirations such as Pumpkins' own best-known

ballad Disarm, before panning out into the raging Bullet

With Butterfly Wings. During the first encore, Iha sang the Prodigy's chart-topping Firestarter, which seemed apt, since the music of both bands incorporates all sorts of things but ultimately

putting up with the eternal rock show," Corgan said towards the end, admitting that it was "taxing on the audience as well as the band". It was demanding on the attention span but unlike the fickle indie kids, rockers are used to getting their money's worth.

ANN SCANLON

Untouched by fame

Richard Thompson

Albert Hall IF LIVING monuments to popular way as the historic buildings in which they work, the Arts Council would have given Richard Thompson a generous grant long ago. As it was, on Wednesday evening the ever unassuming singer-guitarist had to make do with a wisecrack about the £40 million lottery windfall the Albert Hall has been granted. But Thompson, too, is a symbol of the nation's cultural heritage: quirkily British and steeped in

integrity, if a little musty. In the latter chapter of his career Thompson has been presented as the thinking fan's rock hero, his foot always in the door of the mainstream but denied true stardom by a combina-

tion of choice and circumstance. There are signs that Thompson, his the relationship it describes. material and his loyal followers are now becoming mutually overfamiliar.

visiting a dependable friend rather than an intriguing acquaintance, and his current double album You? Me? Us? may have been another blow-out meal too soon after the rich feast of its predecessors. Rumour & Sigh and

Mirror Blue. But how could you vote against someone who can work both acoustic and electric guitars like instruments of magic? A set of two-and-a-quarter hours may have been asking the audience to loosen its waistbands, but many of the morsels on offer were still too tempting to turn down. Several recalled the days of his parmership with his former wife, Linda, as he opened with When I Get to the Border and Walking on a Wire, later giving I Want to See the Bright Lights Tonight

a rare outing. By then, his excellent band was fully powered up. Danny Thompson's double bass and Dave Mattacks's drums and occasional keyboards providing the bedrock, while Pete Zorn stole several songs with redoubtable contributions on saxophone, guitar and

tar like an arc welder with a grudge on Put It There Pal. and unveiled a new song, Cold Kisses, whose claustrophobic intensity reflects the insecurity of

Thompson wielded his electric gui-

PAUL SEXTON

In Sade's shadow

Lighthouse Family Forum, NW5

SADE ADU is one of those rare and fortunate artists able to play the popgame to please herself. Her mellow, mid-paced sound has proved to have an appeal beyond fashion; once every five or so years she releases a new album that varies little from its predecessors, watches it sell a cool few million copies, and then slips out of the public eye again. The only surprise is that no other act has volunteered to

stand in for her in the interim. But the emergence this year of the Lighthouse Family suggests that, at last, a successful applicant for the vacant role of Sade stand-in may have been found. A duo comprising keyboardist Paul Tucker and vocalist Tunde Baiyewu, their introductory album Ocean Drive is more songbased than Adu's groove-driven releases, but the similarities remain striking. Both singers project an art-

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sate for a lack of vocal athleticism, and there is a shared fondness for using a pretty tune to sneak sometimes dark and socially realistic subject-matter past the ears of the casual listener.

In the Lighthouse Family's case, this is most true on the self-written title track of their album -- a message of hope to a victim of domestic violence. It was greeted here as if it were already as familiar and welcome as an established football-terrace anthem. This positivity runs through almost all of their songs and is a defining element that helps the Newcastle-based pair to avoid the charge of being mere copyists. And nowhere was it more evident than in the debut single Lifted. co-written with former Kane Gang

member Martin Brammer, a decisive Top Five success earlier this year. Elsewhere, another Brammer cocomposition. Loving Every Minute. and the tracks Goodbye Heartbreak and Heavenly were among the highlights of a proficient set propelled by the duo's five-piece touring band. As with Sade, there is the sense that the live experience offers little that cannot be found on the records themselves. From the rapturous reception given to Tucker and Baiyewu, however, there is also the sense that - again like Sade the Lighthouse Family could go on to

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Ninety million albums later, the hard-rockin'. hard-livin' show still goes on for AC/DC



POP 4

Without Richey, the Manic Street Preachers head for the big time with Everything Must Go





POP 5

.. but on their new Down on the Upside Soundgarden seem to have gone tired and puerile



POP 6

A sizzling snapshot of the club world comes courtesy of the DJ duo, the Chemical Brothers

JAZZALBUMS

Gentle genius of the sitar

RAVI SHANKAR In Celebration (Angel/Dark Horse 7243 5 55577 2 8, 4CDs) WHEN you realise that Ravi Shankar, as a teenage member of his brother's dance troupe, used to slip into the Cotton Club to listen to Cab Calloway, the subsequent course of his career takes on a degree of logic. The seed of his fascination with other cultures was planted at the very begin-ning, before he took the decisive step of submitting himself to the single-minded discipline

of mastering the sitar.

Judged by the brittle standards of the 1960s counterculture, Shankar was bound to appear a forbidding ascetic come down from the mountains. How else could this gentle virtuoso have coped with audiences at Monterey? Yet his instrument dissolved the barriers of language, custom and age.

That his playing goes be-yond mere category is the dominant theme of this majestic retrospective, compiled in honour of his 75th birthday last year. Multi-disc collections should always be approached with caution, since producers can rarely resist the temptation to dredge up every last sliver of ephemera. In this case. Alan Kozlowski and Shankar's most famous pupil, George Harrison, have assembled the material, new

and old, with exemplary care. Rather than following a chronological line, the contents are divided into four broad categories: classical sitar, orchestral and ensembles. east-west collaboration and vocal and experimental. From of view the last disc is the most provocative, with Bud Shank and Gary Peacock joining forces on Fire Night, and Harrison and Billy Preston contributing to the unabashedly simple theme of I Am Missing You.

But the essence of Shankar's philosophy is to make categories irrelevant. Whether his collaborator is Zubin Mehta, Jean-Pierre Rampal or Zakir Hussain, his music possesses the same unstoppable pulse.

CLIVE DAVIS

Starting a British tour, AC/DC talk to David Sinclair about sex and destruction

Electric Sado-land

aving spent the evening being hoisted to the rafters astride a giant wrecking ball, swinging upside-down from a two-ton bell, orchestrating a deafening fusillade of cannon fire and screaming his guts out in front of 14,000 rabid AC/DC fans in Frankfurt's Festhalle, singer Brian Johnson is holding forth in his horel bar. A born entertainer, he is telling jokes in a broad Geordie accent with

a panache that many a stand-up comic would envy. Spying the man from The Times, he launches into the one about a dishevelled old tramp who shuffles into a compartment on a commuter train and picks up a copy of the Times crossword. Looking at the first clue, "Eggs on (5)", he instantly fills in the answer. A stir goes round the carriage, and a curious businessman leans over to see what this unlikely genius has put. Written in a confident scrawl is the legend: "toast".

It is a curiously heartwarming fact that in the world of AC/DC the answers to the great crossword puzzle of life are also a lot simpler than they might at first appear. The band, which has sold 92 million albums since convening in Sydney in 1973, has survived the vicissitudes of life in one of the hardest rocking circuses with both its hearing and sense of humour intact.

At the heart of this extraor-

dinary phenomenon are the Young brothers, Angus (41, lead guitar, schoolboy shorts) and Malcolm (43, rhythm guitar). They are both tiny (5ft 2in), chain-smoking teetotallers, who spend most of their time laughing like drains. A pair of rock 'n' roll fundamentalists, with the emphasis on the fun, they continue to mount a show that is one of the wonders of rock, a colossal splay of underpinned by the most basic guitar-band philosophy: keep it simple, stick to what you know and avoid anything that

smacks of self-analysis like the plague.
"I didn't join a rock 'n' roll band to be a casualty," Angus says. "There's a romantic myth that you should live fast and die young — the James Dean thing. AC/DC are here to disprove all that. We're hoping to get a pension."

Like the 16 albums before it, their current opus. Ball-



AC/DC have survived the rock 'n' roll circus with humour and hearing intact — "We're hoping to get a pension"

around the theme of sex with dominant women. We've found that if you're locked up for two or three months with ouvs, that tends to be the direction your thoughts take," Malcolm explains.

They are also big on destruction. The current show begins with the stage decked out as a castle", which is swiftly and spectacularly reduced to rubble by a wrecking ball, and in the video of their last single. Hard as a Rock, they pulled off the same trick on the front of their record company offices. Was there any particular message in that one?

"Yeah. Wake up!" Malcolm says, without a hint of ranbreaker, is loosely organised cour. "We've never changed

record label, but they've changed over the years and sometimes they haven't quite known how to deal with us,"

For although AC/DC are perennially immune to shifting fashions, trying to fit them into the modern British pop landscape is no easy task.

"I've always been let down England," Malcolm says. "We've never had any airplay there and it's never hindered us, but I've often wondered why you never hear any rock n' roll - Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin, stuff like that on the radio in England. I'm beginning to think it's a bit political, like it used to be in communist Russia.

In fact, Malcolm, who has a you inevitably wonder where 15-year-old daughter and an their creator, Mike Judge, 11-year-old son, is more in went for his original intouch with contemporary pop spiration.

Angus says, pondering more seriously for a moment, "and I wasn't too sure if he was laughing at us or quite what the angle was. But it's nice to be part of a youth culture, if you can call it that. Or perhaps bacteria would be closer to the

●AC/DC play SECC, Glasgow (June 1); Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre (2): Newcastle Arena (3); NEC, Birmingham (17); Nynex, Manchester (19); Wembley Arena (21, 22)

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Hacks can get it right

Even if an album is a dud, fans do not believe the reviews

The guestion raised by the second successive Cranberries' album to be truly appalling yet hugely successful is very simple: how long can a band be rubbish before everyone notices?
The answer, as so often, is

a little more complicated. There are two methods of finding out if a band have run out of the spooky magic that ensures the air is filled with their aural Angel Delight for years to come: flipping up the Ceefax Top 40 (what the public think of it) and blackening your fingertips on yards of news-print (what the critics think of it).

But this is where the problems – in the music journalists work at odds with the general recordbuying public. The way journalists consume records and

bands - an average of 70 singles and albums a week means that they get picky to the point of neurosis. It is simply not enough that a band put out a good record with some top tunes on it: the whole package has to be complete before a journalist will let his or her guard down. I know the list by heart: mad/manic-depressive front-person motivated by revenge/tragedy: should be a bit loopy on stage; able to talk a good interview; up for wrecking a hotel room once a month. Their record collection should tie in roughly with the journalist's - or at least what the and each album must be a

sions in dub, trip-hop and drum 'n' bass. However, what journalists forget is that things are not like that in the real world. Most music fans are not concerned with how witty their songwriters are it is very unlikely that they will meet them. Most music fans do not care how charismatic their pop stars

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are live - they are down the front, jumping up and down, and cannot see the band anyway. And they are generally unconcerned with "progression". Some of the most welcoming albums of this year — by the Bluetones, Ocean Colour Scene, Cast and Marion are hardly bulging eyed for-ays into the Great Un-known; yet they have racked up sales by being slabs of good-natured loveliness or evocative soul-wail-

ing. With top tunes. The truth is that the press works wildly out of tune with the public's interest.

All the hoopla around Parklife was a delayed reaction to Blur's previous album, Modern Life is Rubbish, which was ignored until each successive single reminded journalists just how good it was. CAITLIN Conversely. **MORAN** Oasis's second al-

bum, What's The Story?, was given a royal kicking by journalists miffed by Noel's fading affability and remarks about Damon Albarn and Aids. Two months later, those selfsame journalists were reassessing the album in the light of Oasis's astonishing success — because an English band becoming huge worldwide is a thrill. and hacks are always desperate to follow the thrill.

So is it any wonder that the general public tend to ignore disparaging reviews of established artists? Most readers are aware that journalists have agendas, ven-The Cranberries' To The Faithful Departed has, to my knowledge, received only two good reviews, but Cranberries fans are aware of a long-running feud between Dolores and the press. The fact that the record is an embarrassing mess will not be noticed for months to come yet - more than enough time for it to tack up gold-disc status. Still, Tape & Record Exchange will be busy come

POP ALBUMS: Message for Richey Edwards - your old mates are ready to conquer the world

MANIC STREET **PREACHERS** Everything Must Go (Epic 483930)

THE first Manic Street Preachers album since the disappearance of guitarist Richey Edwards is released on Monday, and already rumblings of discontent from their earliest fans have been heard in the letters pages of the music press. However, complaints that the band has hung around too long and lost its revolutionary zeal only add reight to the impression that massive mainstream success is now there for the taking, a view confirmed by the magisterial sweep of the songs on Everything Must Go.

Sounding more than ever like Queen without the jokes on numbers such as Australia and the epic single A Design For Life, the band has honed its melodic rock style into a more coherent shape and taken a step back from the melodramatic nihilism of their last album, The Holy Bible. Edwards continues to exert his influence in the form of several lyrics which he left behind, and those of his disciples still searching for clues to the thoughts that burdened his troubled mind will find plenty to chew on in lines such as "Aimless rut of my own perception/Numbly waiting for voices to tell me", from Removables.

But for the greater part Everything Must Go is a confident assertion of the band's viability and determination to progress without Edwards. In particular, the Phil Spector-ish title track is a painful, but ultimately buoyant, statement of their intent to wipe the slate clean and start again: Freed from the memory/Escape from our history ... Everything must go." It sounds like the end of an era and the start of some-

Main Street Preachers



The Manics: without Richey but with a great new album

SOUNDGARDEN Down on the Upside (A&M 540 526) OF THE three titans to have emerged intact from the grunge upheaval (the others being Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam), it is Soundgarden who have ended up conforming most closely to the traditional heavy rock

Their fifth album casts the net a little wider than before in terms of pacing and instrumental textures, stretching the formula to embrace the ramalama punk blast of No Attention, the (initially) sedate Beatles pastiche, Blow up the Outside World, and the murky surrealism of the end section of Applebite.

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way the marvellous, weighty swing of their previous mas-terpieces. Black Hole Sun and Fell on Black Days, has been lost. And where the lyrics of those songs were genuinely dark and menacing, the puerile "F*** you all" chorus of Ty Cobb merely sounds gratu-

VARIOUS ARTISTS MIXED BY THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS Live at the Social Volume 1 (Heavenly HVNLPL3) IT IS not a live album, nor is

itous and rather lame.

the music "mixed" so much as selected, sequenced and spliced together by DJ duo the Chemical Brothers. But with tracks by Red Snapper, Eric B & Rakim, Davy DMX, Tainted Glass and many others, Live at the Social Volume 1 is nevertheless a sizzling snapshot of what goes on at the Social, one of the essential ports of call in the club world since its inception in a dingy West End cellar in 1994.

Having worked closely with Noel Gallagher, Manic Street Preachers and the Charlatans (whose remixed Nine Acre Dust features on this album), the Chemical Brothers yield to none in their uncanny ability to marshal hardcore dance music that is acceptable to the rock n'roll ear. And extraordinary things happen when they get behind the decks.

Favouring choppy funk or rock rhythms — especially on their own track Get Up On It Like This - as opposed to the dull, four-on-the-floor thud that is the besetting vice of so much latterday dance music, the Brothers create a seamless, rapidly shifting sequence of tracks, fired by a gradually escalaring patchwork of propulsive, cross-cutting beats.

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Unusually for a dance album.

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incessant, gurgling laughter,

But there is one place in the

Fuzzy Logic (Creation CRECD190) THE debut album by Cardiff-

based Super Furry Animals sounds like a bit of an in-joke at first. An unlikely stew of glarn-rock influences (early Bowie, Eno-era Roxy Music) and lysergically spun lyrics ("Gravity you just hold me down"), it comes tarted up with all sorts of odd, progressive-rock doodlings and naff touches of bubblegum pop.

But there are too many near twists and winning choruses, such as the naggingly to-tapping single, God! Show Me Magic, for Fuzzy Logic not to mean serious business. Leftfield enough to be credible but poppy enough to be popular, these guys are definitely on, and on to, something.

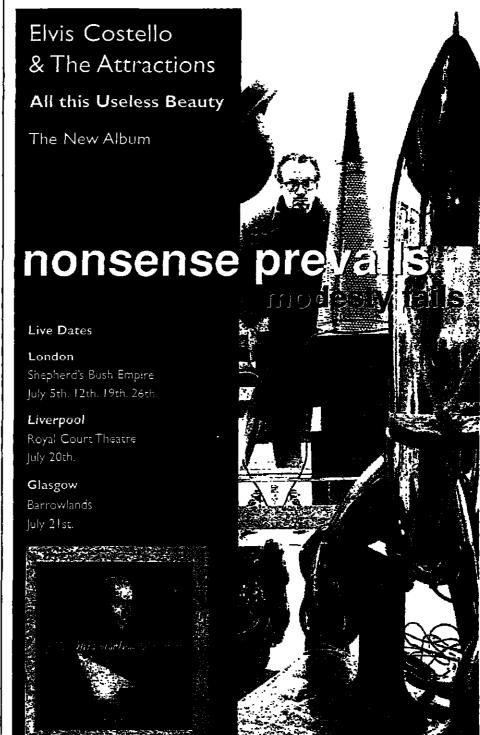
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RICKY ROSS Radio On Epic 663135)

DÉACON BLUE were always a difficult group to get a handle on: a bit pop, a bit rock, loyal to their Glasgow roots but often sounding more American than British. Now singer and songwriter Ricky Ross has embarked on a solo career and, if nothing else, he nails his colours to the mast with Radio On.

Beginning with a wailing harmonica, it ploughs into a taut, bluesy chord sequence lifted straight from the Keith Richards songbook and guided by Ross's languid vocal into a romping chorus with the kind of feel-good factor that pop stars, like politicians. would give anything to be able

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By JACK BAILEY

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ESSEX and Carl Hooper have this love-hate relationship. Hooper loves the Essex bowling; Essex hate the sight of Hooper coming in to bat. Yesterday saw no improvement for the county. Not only did Essex lose the toss on a bitterly cold day, but their chilled and numbed fingers were given no respite as Hooper moved past his third consecutive score of over a hundred against them in the championship.

As he is prone to do. Hooper went on to make his century a big one. He reached 155 before being brilliantly caught, just above the ground, by Nasser Hussain running round from the mid-wicket to the square leg boundary. It had been a magnificent innings - three hours and 20 minutes of wonderfully clean hitting mixed, periodically, with bouts of watchful defence.

Hooper's first scoring stroke, three balls after he entered the fray, with Kent tectering on 89 for three, was a straight six off Childs. Having thus announced himself, he went on to strike the ball effortlessly out of the ground on two successive occasions off Law and sprinkled his innings with 20 fours.

He was ably supported, in a fourth-wicket stand that realised 224 from 49 overs, by Graham Cowdrey, who was within sight of his own century when rain brought a merciful release for Essex some 20 overs early. Cowdrey has hit 14 fours so far in an innings which saw the square cover drive in excelsis, the hallmark of a Cowdrey in form.

The day had begun reasonably well from an Essex point of view. Prichard brought on

ILFORD (first day of four; Such as early as the twelfth over and before long the tall off-spinner had Fleming, never quite comfortable in his role as opening batsman, caught behind as he tried to force on the off side.

Childs removed Ward in similar manner. Ward tried to cut a ball of too full a length for the stroke and it looked as though the old combination that has served Essex so well over the years might succeed in tempting and taunting Kent into submission.

When Fulton was bowled by Such off what looked like a thick bottom edge, only 89 were on the board, despite a good pitch and a short, straight boundary, and Essex were in the ascendancy. With the advent of Hooper, how-ever, the feelgood factor did not last long. Fulton had already displayed some pleasing back-foot driving on his way to 34 and Hooper soon confirmed that there was no devil in this wicket.

He announced his intentions early, moving down the wicket to the slow bowlers, driving along the ground if he got to the pitch of the ball, lifting it over the boundary on the rare occasion when he failed to get there. His first 50 came from 69 balls and he reached it just after lunch. His second took only 31 balls and he reached 150 just 40 balls after passing his century.

Even the Essex supporters could scarce forebear to cheer as Hooper moved from 45 to 151 between lunch and tea and he and Cowdrey put on 177 in 37 overs.

☐ Brian Lara was reprimanded by the West Indian board for comments attributed to him after his team's defeat by Kenya during the World Cup this year. Any future breach of contract would attract "the strongest condemnation and action", the board added.



Hooper sweeps the ball away to the boundary during a sparkling innings of 155 against Essex at Ilford yesterday

Stemp exposes Durham's wounds

By Michael Henderson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Durham, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 316 runs behind Yorkshire

IN two revealing hours last night the poverty of Durham's cricket was exposed like a painful wound. Yorkshire, nine wickets down for 225, were allowed to add a further 110 and then take three wickets, including that of Campbell, the West Indies opener, for a third-ball duck. At this rate, Durham will do well to take this match into the third day.

It should have been Chris Scott's day. The wicketkeeper established a club record when he held his sixth catch.

and he ended the Yorkshire innings with a seventh. His achievement could not mask the deficiencies of the bowling, which was too short and too wide as Stemp and Silverwood made the highest last-wicket partnership against Durham.

Stemp made his maiden half-century, 65 from 69 balls, with a freedom of stroke not often seen in a No II. Early in his innings, he hit Boiling for a straight six, at which point Roseberry withdrew his off spinner from the attack after 34 consecutive overs. His decision was not vindicated by the tripe Foster and Collingwood served up for Stemp's consid-

> By the end, Silverwood had picked up the beat and the

from only 19 overs, without a hint of slog. The bowling was so poor they proceeded comfortably at almost six an over. It was a shame Stemp had to spoil things by waving his bat at his team-mates, and nobody else, when he reached fifty but cricketers think that is the way to behave these

The spectators certainly deserved an acknowledgement, not least for braving a bitterly cold day. When Yorkshire lost their openers in the first three overs it seemed those hardy souls would enjoy watching their team bowl out their neighbours cheaply.

The pitch is not ideal, with some balls scuttling through and others popping, and Bevan had to play well for his 90

Byas, lee-before to one that crept, was a shade unlucky. White, chasing a wide one, was not. In his second over after lunch, Brown beat Blakey with one that bounced and then had Morris leg-before with a ball of full length. After Bevan was caught behind, Gough frolicked for a while but a score of 335 was some way off when he was eighth out at 215.

Yorkshire ended the day emphatically. Gough's third ball found Campbell in front of everything with his feet nowhere. Hartley removed Boiling, the nightwatchman, also leg-before, and earned another such decision in his next over when Roseberry shuffled across his stumps. These are dog days for

Inimitable Reeve puts his case to Illingworth

By PAT GIBSON

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 242 for seven wickets against Warwickshire

A COUNTY captain suggested the other day that, instead of having light meters, um-pires should be equipped with thermometers so that the players could be given the option of leaving the field when the temperature drops below a certain level.

He has a point. It is not much fun playing cricket when it is as cold as it was at Edgbaston yesterday, al-though the irrepressible Dermot Reeve still found a way to put a smile on Warwickshire's faces. The man could sell refrigerators to

The champions probably saw Hampshire in much the same light as Sussex, who had been crushed at Hove, but they were putting up much more of a fight when Laney and Smith took them past 100 with only two wickets down.

Enter Reeve, well aware of the fact that Raymond Illingworth was watching (not, significantly, in the company of his Warwickshire detractors in the committee room but from the press box at the other end) to show that he has no peers when it comes to making things happen.

In his second over, he had Smith, captaining Hampshire for the first time in the absence of the injured Stephenson. caught at the wicket as he pushed forward. In his twelfth, he dismissed Laney the same way after the determined young opener had battled for 44 hours to equal his highest championship score of

Then, as if satisfied with figures of 12-7-9-2 from his usual rich assortment of swing, seam and subtle variations of pace, Reeve went back to slip and let his specialist bowlers get on with the job of chipping away as Hampshire headed towards what could well be a challenging total on a pitch on which the odd ball has kept disturbingly low.

Somerset's a advantage restricted by Walsh

BRISTOL (first day of four, Somerset won toss): Somerset, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 210 runs behind Gloucestershire

COURTNEY WALSH rudely interrupted Somerset's progress at Bristol yesterday with a hostile spell in the final session of the day. Despite bitterly cold conditions, the West Indies fast bowler generated a lively pace and soon had Somerset anxiously seeking to hold out for the morning. Walsh, who took 11 Somer-

set wickets on the same ground in 1994, removed Bowler, caught behind in his second over, and Hayhurst, stabbing a ball to short leg in his fifth, to bring his side back into contention. Lathwell and Harden gratefully accepted an offer of bad light with six overs remaining.

Earlier, Gloucestershire, fielding only five specialist batsmen, made poor first use of a blameless pitch and were dismissed half an hour after tea for 263. While unable to rival Walsh for pace, Somerset's seam bowiers performed with commendable discipline.

Caddick, keen to make an impression on the watching England selector. David Graveney, made some delivcries rise steeply. Wright, who lost his helmet taking evasive action, found the ball taking the edge of his bat and looping to Lee at second slip. Lee, who returned his best figures so far for the county.

four for 55, struck with his third delivery, luring Sy-monds, who began by stroking three fours off Shine, into patting back a simple return catch. He also took the imporant wicket of Hancock, legbefore on the front foot for an excellent 89, his highest score for two seasons.

Hancock's stand of 122 in 40 overs with Russell, whose 63 was a typically belligerent effort, was Gloucestershire's only partnership of note. Once both had departed in the space of two overs, the remainder of the innings amounted to little.

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Admissions made in mitigation

Disability premium not available Bate v Chief Adjudication Officer and Another

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Hoffmann |Speeches May 16|

The claimant, who was severely disabled, was excluded from entitlement to an income support severe disability premium by paragraph 13(2)(a)(ii) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1967) because she "resided with" her parents in the house owned by them within the meaning of regulation 3(1) but they did not jointly occupy" it with her within the meaning of regulation 3(2).

On the true construction of subsections (7) and (8) of section 104 of the Social Security Act 1975. added by section 21(i) of and Schedule 6, paragraph 7(1) to the cision to refuse the claimant the premium had to be treated as correct at all stages of the claim process notwithstanding that a social security commissioner had subsequently decided that two other claimants in a similar position were entitled to the premium.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Chief Adjudication. Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Services from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Millett) (The Times December 12, 1994) who had allowed an appeal by the claimant, Miss Ann Marie Bate, from the decision of a social security commissioner on January 13, 1993.

The commissioner had allowed an appeal by an adjudication officer from a social security appeal tribunal on November 20. 1990, which had reviewed his decision and awarded Miss Bate the premium as from October 9.

Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Richard McManus for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the sec-retary of state; Mr David Pannick. QC and Miss Bethan Harris for Miss Bate.

LORD SLYNN said that Lord Justice Glidewell had said that it was deplorable that legislation iffecting some of the most disadvantaged people in society should be couched in language so difficult for even a lawyer trained and practising in the field to understand.

Whether in the event their Lordships wholly agreed with that view, it was underlined by the fact that Lord Justice Millett had found that the construction of the Act adopted by the commissioner was not only unwarranted by the wording of (subsection (8)), but is unacceptable in its effect and capricious in its application."

Income support and the severe disability premium had become payable under the Social Security Act 1986 with effect from April II. 1988. Miss Bate had received income support from that date but initially had not been paid the At all material times she had

lived with her parents in a house owned by them. Following a commissioner's decision, the Trotman/Crompton decision (CIS/180/1989) on May 17, 1990 that two other claimants in a similar position were entitled to the allowance. Miss Bate had applied for a review of the decision in her case pursuant to subsection (IA) of section 104, as added by paragraph 3 to the Health and Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 and amended by section 52(1) of and chedule 5, paragraph 10(b) to the 1985 Act, on the ground that on the basis of the Trotman/Crompton decision the adjudication officer's initial decision in 1988 in her case

had been erroneous in law. provided: "Any decision of an adjudication officer may be reviewed, upon the ground that it was erroneous in point of law, by an adjudication officer or, on a reference from an adjudication officer, by a social security appeal

tribunal." If that had stood alone, Miss Bate was entitled to have the initial decision in her case reviewed. As subsection (7) applied where in case B the commissioner or the court determined that an adjudicating authority had made a erroneous in law and in case A. decided earlier than case B, a decision had been based on the same error of law so that, but for subsection (8), the earlier decision would fall to be revised on a review

that if a question arose on the review of case A as to a person's entitlement to benefit the determination of the commissioner or court was taken as being that the decision had not been erroneous in point of law in respect of any period before the date of the

The result was that the claimant in case A could not take advantage

The Court of Appeal had held that subsection (7) only applied to a "question arising on the review". That was limited to review by the adjudication officer and the social rurity appeal tribunal in Miss Bate's case. The commissioner and review; they were dealing with matters "on an appeal from a

refusal to entertain a review". His Lordship was not persuaded that "review" was different from appeal". It seemed to him that the various stages of reconsideration at each level, including the court, were part of one process: to see whether there was an error of law the adjudication officer's

ing the effect of subsection (8) to cases where a previous decision binding on the adjudication officer had been reversed.

His Lordship declined to draw a egalistic distinction between found for facts and "held" for Accordingly, the commissioner had been right on the point and the Court of Appeal wrong. His Lord-

ship was not persuaded that that result was incompatible with European Community law. The effect of regulation 3 of the 1987 Regulations was that a claimant could not be treated as a severely disabled person if someone other than one of the persons specified in regulation 3(2) was residing with him" since for the purposes of paragraph L3(2)(a)(ii) of Schedule 2 that person was a non-devendant, the assumption apparently being that such a person was likely to assist the

quired. But a person was not to be treated as a non-dependant if he ointly occupied the claimant's His Lordship did not see any indication that "resides with" was to be given any other than its ordinary meaning. It meant no more than that the claimant and the other person lived in the same residence or dwelling.

claimant to cope with his severe disability so that the premium to

provide assistance was not re-

There was no need to read in the qualification that the household had to be that of the claimant or that the dwelling had to be one in which the claimant had the legal interest and the other person was

there in a subordinate position or without any legal interest. Accordingly, Miss Bate could not show that she had no non-dependents residing with her unless her parents were persons who "jointly occupied the claimant's dwelling".

His Lordship concluded that, as Lord Justice Hoffmann had said in Fulwood v Chesterfield Borough Council ([1993] 92 LGR 160), "jointly occupies" involved a legal relationship; it did not involve merely factual co-residence. With effect from December 2,

1994 by virtue of the Income-related Benefits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No 6) following the Court of Appeal's judgment, regulation 3(1) of the 1987 Regulations had been amended by regulation 2(1) and (2) by adding after "who normally resides with a claimant" the words "or with whom a claimant nor-mally resides," and paragraph 13(2)(a)(ii) had been similarly

The present question had thus been answered for the future but in his Lordship's opinion the provision had always had that

With effect from October 9, 1989 regulation 3(2)(c) had been amended by regulation 3 of the Income Support (General) Amendment No 3 Regulations (SI 1989 No 1678) by adding after "person who jointly occupies the claimant's dwelling" the words: "and either is a co-owner of that dwelling with the claimant or his partner (whether or not there are other coowners) or is liable with the claimant or his partner to make

payments in respect of his occupation of the dwelling."
So once again from that date the requirement of a legal relationship between the claimant and the other

person was specified.

Miss Bate's case had, however, to be determined as of April 11, 1988, and their Lordships had been told that a significant number of cases would turn on the interpreta-tion of the legislation regardless of the amendments. Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey, Lord

Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Hoffmann agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor. Department

of Social Security; Mr David Thomas, Child Poverty Acation

Distress order warning apt

Ex parte Rich

When investigating the means of an unrepresented person under section 76 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 justices had to give sufficient notice to that person that they were considering making a

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman) so held on April 25 when quashing a warrant of

distress order.

Regina v Guilford Justices, distress issued by Guilford Justices on March I, 1995 over a car belonging to Liam Rich who was in default of a compensation order imposed against him.

> MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said that only a procedural aspect of the case gave rise to unfairness because the defendant was unrepresented and the justices had in mind to deprive him of property. Sufficient notice had to be given to the individual so that he could

> give an explanation of why such an

notice had been given and the Warrant would be quashed and the matter remitted. LORD JUSTICE PILL agree-

ing, said that the court had to give an opportunity to those before it to make representations and that an unrepresented person should have been told that an option of a distress warrant was being considered so that he could address the court on the circumstances why one should not be made.

Wu Chun-piu v The Queen Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Sir John May

|Judgment May 14] In dismissing the appellant's application for leave to appeal against conviction out of time, the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong had wrongly taken into account admissions that he had committed the offence made by his counsel in mitigation after conviction, holding on that basis that no mis-

carriage of justice had occurred The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council allowed an appeal by the appellant, Wu Chun-piu from the dismissal of his application for leave to appeal out of time against his conviction on December 14, 1990, of robbery and possession of a firearm. Section 83 of the Criminal Proce-

dure Ordinance provides: "... the Court of Appeal shall allow an appeal against conviction if it thinks — (a) that the conviction should be set aside on the ground that under all the circumstances of the case it is unsafe or unsatisfactory ... Provided that the Court of Appeal may, notwithstanding that it is of opinion that the point raised in the appeal might be decided in favour of the appellant, dismiss the appeal if it considers that no miscarriage of justice has actually

occurred." By section 83Q(Z) notice of appeal or of application for leave to appeal against conviction had to be given within 28 days from the date of conviction or, where sentence was passed more than seven days thereafter, within 28 days from when the sentence was passed, but section 83Q(3) enabled the Court of Appeal to extend that time.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC and Mr Robert Britton for the appellant: Mr I. Grenville Cross, QC, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Hong Kong, and Mr Darryl Saw, Senior Assistant Crown Prosecutor, Hong Kong, for the Crown.

SIR JOHN MAY said that three armed and masked men entered a night club. Three men were seen to leave and were detained by three police officers. The one alleged to have been the appellant produced a pistol and shouted that they just wanted money. The men then fled and only one was arrested. When questioned by the police he admitted the offence and implicated the appellant and Yu Sze-ming.

Subsequently the appellant was arrested and when interviewed he denied being involved. At an identification parade he was identified by two of the three police officers as the man who had the gun at the scene of the crime. The appellant did not give evidence in the trial but his

girlfriend was called to give evidence in support of his alibi At the trial the first man, Leung Kwok-man, pleaded guilty. The appellant and Yu Sze-ming pleaded not guilty but were convicted by the jury's unanimous

verdict. Each was remanded in custody for probation reports and came up for sentence on January S. 1991. The probation report on the appellant reterred to his frank and the reason he had given for

committing the robbery. When the appellant came up for sentence the court had the probation report before it. In mitigation, the appellant's counsel, Mr Thomas lu. said that it was apparent from the probation officer's report that the appellant had shown remorse since the convic-tion and he had given the probation officer the reason why he had committed the robbery.

Their Lordships did not think that the delay of some 16 months that there undoubtedly had been in the start and prosecution of the appeal in Hong Kong should of itself be fatal to the appellant's present appeal.

On lanuary 18, 1991, the appel-lant had filed his own notice of application for leave to appeal against sentence but had ultimately abandoned it. However, the third defendant. Yu Sze-ming had applied for leave to appea against both conviction and His appeal was heard and in a

reserved judgment on May 15, 1992, the court upheld the appeal against conviction on the ground that the judge had failed to direct that the juoge neu market the jury upon special weaknesses in the identification evidence, namely, whether the identifying police officers had colluded with each other about the case and about the identifying features and had told lies about so doing. On the retrial ordered by the Court of Yu Sze-ming was Appeal

On May 19, 1992, the appellant applied for leave to appeal against conviction out of time. One of the grounds was identical with the same ground in the successful appeal of the third defendant. Counsel for the Crown opposed the

Director of Public Prosecutions v Waite Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman Judgment May 9 It was clear that tuning a radio scanner to a police frequency and

The Oueen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated by the prosecution against the dismissal by Nuneaton Justices on November 14, 1995 of the case brought against Darren Waite under section 5(b)(i) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act of the 1949 Act, as amended by section 3 of the Post Office Act 1969 and the Ministry of

attack upon the admissions allegedly made by Mr Iu in mitigation. The Court of Appeal refused to grant leave to appeal out of time, saying: "We are satisfied that the

applicant admitted, through his

counsel, that he had committed the

offence and that we are entitled to take that admission into account when considering whether there has been any miscarriage of "We are satisfied that, although the point raised in his appeal might have been decided in his favour, no miscarriage of justice

has occurred. In the circumstances, we are satisfied that the proper course is to refuse the application for leave to appeal against conviction out of time. The appellant's appeal was put ward on his behalf under section 83(I)(a) of the Ordinance

that in all the circumstances of the case his conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory because of the judge's failure to direct the jury about the possibility of collusion among the police officers who had given evidence of identification. in the case of the appellant's codefendant, Yu Sze-ming, save for the alleged admissions in mitigation by counsel, the facts and

and was based on the contention

appellant, and not only did an appeal succeed but also on a retrial Yu Sze-ming was acquitted.
Their Lordships considered it to be implicit in the judgment of the Court of Appeal now appealed from that in all probability, but for the alleged admissions by counsel, the appellant's appeal would also have been allowed as had that of

circumstances were substantially the same as in the case of the

If that which was said in mitigation by Mr Iu on the appellant's behalf when he was brought up for sentence was to be held against the appellant to the extent contended for and indeed upheld by the Court of Appeal, then defendants and their cranse

jury's verdict were in a difficulty. The inherent difficulty was, however, avoided if one considered what the real position was. Gen-erally, at the time counsel miti-

> consistent with any subsequent alleged admission of guilt. Then after a guilty verdict and against that background counsel nad to try to persuade the trial judge to pass as lenient a sentence as possible. Counsel had to do so in knowledge that notwithstanding his client's original plea of not

start of which the accused had

pleaded not guilty, of itself in-

guilty the jury had taken a dif-ferent view of the case. It would frequently be unrealistic for counsel, when mitigating, to reiterate in strong terms his client's innocence and yet in the same breath to ask for leniency.

In their Lordships' view, at least in the present case, one had to ask how one should realistically interonet counsel's remarks in mitigation. Was he intending to gainsay and set at naught his client's original plea? Or was he bound in the circumstances to accept the jury's verdict and do what he could from that starting point to mitigate

the consequences In their Lordships' view, in this case at least, the latter was the realistic approach and it would be unjust to attribute to the appellant from counsel's mitigation an admission that he had in fact

had only very recently been contending against. The Court of Appeal were wrong to dismiss the appellant's application for the reason that they gave for doing so. Their Lordships should be allowed, that leave to appeal out of time should be granted and that the case should remitted to the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong for further consideration in the light of their Lordships' judgment.

Solicitors: Edwin Listening to police radio illegal

listening to police messages when not authorised to do so was an

Posts and Telecommunications Order (SI 1974 No 691) Section 5 of the 1949 Act, as amended, provides:

otherwise than under the authority of the secretary of state . . . (i) uses any wireless telegraphy apparatus addressee of any message ... which neither thr person using the

Mr Malcolm Morse for the prosecution; Miss Lynn Tayton for

"Any person who —

with intent to obtain information as to the contents, sender or apparatus nor any person on whose behalf he is acting is authorised by the secretary of state to receive ... shall be guilty of an offence...

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said

that the words "intent to obtain information" were clear. No intent

was to be imported into the section. The appellant had submitted that the police channel transmitted nothing but information and had no educational recreational or entertainment function

It was impossible to listen to the ... channel without obtaining information as to the messages

transmitted on it. The statute provided that any person who did so intending to do: so was guilty of an offence. By contrast a person who chanced upon the channel while tuning a radio and passed over it could not be said to intend to obtain information and therefore was not guilty of

an offence. Lord Justice Pill agreed. Solicitors: CPS, Learnington Spa: Cocks Lloyd & Co. Nuneator.

· Indians are frozen out by events off the field

By Ivo Tennant

HOVE (first day of three; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 190 for one wicket against the Indians

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PITY the poor Indians. On the South Coast yesterday it was just about as cold as it can be on a cricket ground in what passes for an English summer. Several of the fielders, including Sachin Tendulkar, the captain, inserted cotton wool into their ears. They would not have been displeased to be back in the pavilion 25 minutes before the scheduled tea interval.

There, in the warmth, they stayed out of the rain for the rest of the afternoon. Eight of the side that had to take the field were given a bowl and, although there was some turn for the slow bowlers before lunch, this ploy was to keep them active as much as through any expectation that they would spin the ball. It was not much fun for anybody.

More significant events were taking place off the field. Mark Nicholas, who was present in his capacity as a television commentator, declared that he was no longer a candidate for the post of chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). "I was interviewed but I am no longer prepared to put my name forward." he said.

"My ideas on how domestic cricket ought to be restructured were clearly not the views the TCCB were looking for. And it appeared I did not have enough administrative experience for the post." Nicholas, the former captain of Hampshire, did not apply for the job but was apparently approached by Dennis Silk. the TCCB chairman.

He did not wish to comment on this divergence of opinions, but it is thought that some of his views were too radical for the TCCB. Nicholas also had to ask himself whether he wanted to be restricted to a willing participant.

desk-bound administrative job rather than to continue with his lucrative television and newspaper work.

He spent the afternoon yesterday, microphone in hand, seeking out spectators in woolly hats and thick blankets. He did not have to stray far from his commentary eyrie. These hardy individuals would have had a view worth canvassing had Sussex chosen, as they briefly considered doing, a left-hander still at Lancing College, Sir Tim Rice's old school, Giles Haywood is only 16, which must mean that he is exceptionally talented and one to look out for in the future.

That, or Sussex are running out of ideas on how to improve on their dreadful start to the season. This was their best day thus far. Greenfield took 55 minutes to get off the mark yesterday morning, mainly because Srinath, moving the new ball both ways down the slope, bowled five successive maidens. After that, though, the opener timed the ball pleasantly enough off his legs until he played on to Tendulkar's medium pace.

Greenfield's partnership of 154 with Athey, who reached a half-century in a first-class match for the first time since last August (in fairness, he did spend the winter playing football for a village in Sussex) came off 51 overs. If it was not always easy on the eye, this did have something to do with the prevailing conditions.

Athey, who bats in glasses these days, was unbeaten at the close with 74, made off 208 balls with ten fours. There was time enough to see something of Speight, one batsman who should provide greater entertainment today, and to appreciate a stereo headphone commentary, apparently the first on any ground in England, provided by Sussex in association with Sight Savers International. David Lloyd, the England coach, was a



Robinson sweeps one of his 12 fours in his long innings at Trent Bridge yesterday

Owen basks in the limelight

By Geoffrey Wheeler

JOHN OWEN, the young Derbyshire batsman who last week helped his captain, Dean Jones, to add 278 against Yorkshire moved to centre stage at Cardiff yesterday when he scored his second century in three championship innings.

Owen. 24, who had played only eight first-class innings before this season, went to the wicket against Glamorgan with his side in some trouble at 51 for three, with Jones gone for 22 and Matthew Maynard not too worried that he had lost the toss for the ninth time in ten games.

Some five hours later, when Owen was dismissed for 105. having hit 15 fours. Derbyshire were set for a challenging total. Owen had century product of Millfield, who partnerships with Adrian matched his captain, James Rollins (73) and Colin Wells. Whitaker, stroke for stroke in who reached his own hundred a county-record fifth-wicket just before the close when partnership.

Derbyshire were 334 for five. Coming together at 200 for Also involved in two century four, they carried the score to stands - with Paul Pollard 481 for four before the drawing and Graeme Archer - was of stumps spared the bowlers Tim Robinson, the former further nunishment. The eve-Nottinghamshire captain. ning session produced 178 who scored the 59th hundred runs and during it Habib of his career against Lancacompleted his hundred with a shire at Trent Bridge. Robinsix and 19 fours from 161 balls. son, closing on a career total of He is 143 not out, two behind 25,000 runs, batted for 323 Whitaker. minutes for his 122. Last, but not least in vester-

Leicestershire took a heavy day's parade of centurions was Will House, 18, of Camtoll of the Worcestershire atbridge University, who foltack at Grace Road, where spectators were warmed by a lowed 136 against Derbyshire maiden championship hun-dred from Aftab Habib, 24. a last month with 127 against Middlesex at Fenner's.

Tetley's challenge series Sussex v Indians

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SUSSEX: First Innings

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C White c Scott b Foster
T B N Blakev c Scott b Brown C White c Scoti b Foster
If N Blakey c Scoti b Brown
A C Morns low b Brown
D Gough b Bolang
P J Hartley c Scoti b Brown
C E W Sherwood not out
R D Stemp c Scoti b Bets
Bettes (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 16)

DURHAM: First Image

Total (3 wkts, 8 overs) . PD Collingwood, J1 Longley, M J Foster, 10 N Scott, S J E Brown and M M Berls to ball FALL OF WICKETS. 1-0, 2-7, 3-8, BOWLING Gough 4-1-9-1, Hartley 4-1-10-2. Bonus points: Durham 4 Yorkshire 4

Essex v Kent ILFORD (first day of lour, Kent won I kent have scored 323 for four w

KENT: First Immgs Total (4 wkts, 85.1 overs) ...

*15 A Marsh, J B Thompson, M J McCague, M M Patel and N W Preston to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-49, 3-89, 4-313 BOMLING Not 19-6-61-0; Williams 8-1-42-0, Such 25.1-4-78-2, Childs 21-4-76-2, Irani 4-0-26-0; Law 4-1-23-0; Gooch 4-1-14-0. ESSEX: G A Gooch, D D J Robrison, Hussan, S G Law, "P J Prichard, R C Iran tR J Rollins, M C Nott, N F Williams, P I Such, J H Childs. Bonus points; Essex 1 Kent 3

Glamorgan v Derbyshire CARDIFF (first day of lour; Derbyshire wor loss) Derbyshire have scored 334 for fire wickets against Glamorgan

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings J Barnett c Metson b Watun S Rollins c Butcher b Croft J Adams c Maynard b Thomas D M Jones c Correy b Butcher J E Owen c Butcher b Croft C M (Veils not out D G Cork not out Edras (b 1, lb 8 no 12)

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

A J Harns, †K M Knikken, M J Vendrau and D E Malcolm to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-9, 3-51, 4-152, 5-

303. BOMLING Wetkin 17-7-38-1; Thomes 19-2-95-1; Butcher 10-2-23-1; Dale 11-0-43-0; Crott 31-10-66-2; Kendinck 23-8-62-0 GLAMORGAN: S P. James, H. Moms, A. Dole, *M. P. Maynard, P. A. Coney, G. P. Butcher, R. D. B. Croft, N. M. Kendrick, S. D. Thomas, †C. P. Metson, S. L. Watkin Bonus points: Glamorgan 2 Derbyshire 3 Umpires: A G T Whitehead and D F

Gloucestershire v Somerset BRISTOL (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 210 runs behind Gloucestershive

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Piral Innings A J Wingth of Lee b Caddick.

R J Cuntitle b Stime

T H C Hancock time b Lee

A Symonds c and b Lee

M W Alleyne of Turner b Lee

M Y Alleyne of Turner b Lee

M C J Ball o Latinwell b Lee

R P Danc o Turner b Rose

J Lewes b Caddick. se (to 8, w/3, nb 10)

BOWLING: Caddick 18-6-43-2, Shine 11-0 63-2; Rose 13-2-44-2 Lee 14-4-55-4; Bain 20-5-50-0 SOMERSET: First Irnings

M N Lathwell not out P D Bowler c Russell b Walsh "A N Hayhurst c Hancock b Walsh R J Harden not out as (no 2) .. Total (2 wkts, 20.3 overs) S Lee, P C L Holloway, †R J Turner, G D Rose, A R Caddick, K J Shine and J D Batry FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-15

BOWLING: Walsh 9-3-25-2; Smith 4 3-2-7-0; Lewis 6-3-17-0; Davis 1-0-4-0 Borus points. Gloucestershire 2 Somerse Umpres: B J Meyer and N T Plews.

Leicestershire v

Worcestershire LEICESTER (first day of four, Leicesterahre won toss): Leicesteishire have scored 481 for four wickets against Worcestershire LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Total (4 wkts, 106 overs) tP A Noon, G J Parsons, D J Milins, A R K Pierson and A D Mullally to bat FALL OF WICKETS, 1-49, 2-81, 3-174, 4-

200. BOMLING Thomas 11-1-79-1; Sheriyar 23-4-86-0, Lampit 20-3-105-2, Ifingworth 26-3-77-0; Leathercale 6-0-40-0; Moody 17-2-77-1; High 3-0-13-0 i, racosorso WORCESTERSHIRE: TS Curtis, WPC Weston, GA Hock, "TM Moody, DA Leatherdale, tSJ Rhodes, SR Lampit, RK Bingworth, PA Thomas, A Shenyar, kR

Nottinghamshire v Lancashire TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four, Not-inghamshive won toss) Notinghamshive have scored 320 for four wickets against

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First kning: R Pollard c Walkinson b Elworthy T Robinson run out Archer c Speak b Martin Metcalle c Speak b Chapple "P Johnson not out C L Carms not out Extres (b 6, b 5, w 1, nb 8) tWM Noon, RT Bates, RAPick DB Pennett FALL OF WICKETS 1-106 2-212, 3-258 4-270 BOWLING Martin 19-4-55-1 Chapple 19-2-59-1, Walkinson 18-2-46-0 Evanth, 21-6-60-1, keedy 23-4-71-0 Gallan 6-2-18-0

LANCASHIRE MA American J E R Gallieri

J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, N J Sp Keedy, 1W K Hegg, "M Watkinson Martin, G Chappile, S Elworthy:

Warwickshire v Hampshire EDGBASTON (first day of lour, Hempohire won toss): Hampshire have scored 242 to seven wickets against Warwickshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Irmings R S M Morris c Cistler b Pollock N Aymes not out M Benjamin low b Giles / Meru not out tras (b 7, lb 7, nb 4) . Total (7 wkts, 108 overs)

Umpires K J Lyons and R A W University matches

Cambridge University v Middlesex FENNER'S (first day of three; Cambridge University won loss). Middlesser, with nine first-mangs wickets in hand, are 279 runs behind Cambridge University

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First loc CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: Fir R T Ragneuth flow b Fay E T Smith c Weekes b Hewitt A Singh c Carr b Tufnell "R Q Cake b Weekes W J House flow b Hewitt F O Jones c Sotting b Weekes W J House how to the T J Peakin not out 1D R H Churlon c Fay b Hewitt G R Melfett not out GR Mothet not out _ Extras (10 9, no 6)

A R Whital and A N Janesch did not bat. FALL OF WCKETS 1-32, 2-80, 3-88, 4-92, 5-206, 6-280, 7-294 1-32, 2-80, 3-88, 4-92, BOWLING: Follett 21-4-77-0; Hewitt 12-3-34-3, Fey 4-1-19-1; Turnell 30-3-88-1; Weekes 25-6-73-2 MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes c Churton b Mottat J C Pooley not out J P Hewith not out Extrac (nb 2) Limpires, J.F. Steele and R.Palmer.

Oxford University v Northamptonshire THE PARKS (first day of three; Oxford University worth toss) Oxford University, with eight first-innings wockets in hand, are 310 runs behind Northhamptonshire NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

) J Roberts c Du Preez b Wegh R Montgomene c and b Mark . . . M B Loye not out ... T C Walton not out ... Extras (b 13, tb 1, w 1) . Total (2 wids dec) 335
A J Swann, A L Periberthy, J N Snape, *†D
Ripley, A R Roberts, N A Mallender and R
Wild did not bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-147 2-253 BOMLING Wagh 13-0-46-1, Du Preez 9-2-36-0 Thomson 17-4-53-0, Mark 23-1-85-1, Mischer 18-1-75-0 Khari 2-0-17-0 Lighthoot

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First inten-"C M Gupte low b Maltender 1J N Batty not out G Phan not out Extrac (lb 1)

Total (1 win) 2

M Wagh H S Mark M E D Janet R I
Thomson S P Bu Peez S P Marker C E I
Updriot and J Bu In ber
FALL OF VOCKET 1.4 SCYARIS Makendor 40-19-1, Avid 2-2-0-0, DU Roberts 2-1-5-0

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In recent Refreshers I have been looking at the subject of overcalling. Today I'm going to discuss jump overcalls. Traditionally a single jump in a new suit after your right-hand opponent has opened shows a good six-card suit with a strongish hand, say 14-17 high-card points. Some examples over a One Heart opening:

♠764 **♠**AKJ1076 **¥**76 ***AKQJ64** ♦A5 ♣AQ5 **◆**K76 Bid 3 • Bld 2 ♠

A jump overcall is such a descriptive bid that responder rarely has any bidding problems. Because the overcall shows a good suit responder should generally be thinking in terms of game in his partner's suit or no-trumps. Occasionally he may wish to introduce a suit of his own; it is normal to treat such a change of suit as a forcing response. Otherwise the responder would pass. raise, bid no-trumps, or perhaps cue-bid the opponent's suit to ask for a stopper for no-trumps.

Strong jump overcalls are prevalent at the rubber-bridge table throughout the country as well in many duplicate clubs. Some rubber-bridge schools play that the high-card strength need only be about that of a minimum opening. Better be sure you know the sense in which the bid is used in your circles.

At tournament level it is more usual to encounter weak jump overcalls. Similar to weak two opening bids, these are designed as an obstructive weapon with the aim of disrupting the opponents' auction. Even though described as weak, a jump overcall should not be suicidal, so vulnerable one would expect to have about two playing tricks less than the number contracted for (i.e. six tricks for a two-level overcall and seven at the three level). For example, over a One Heart opening bid, the following would be weak jump overcalls vulnerable against not:

♠ K 4 3 **★KQJ1076 ¥** 5 ₩52 **♦KQJ10874 ♦K87 675** Bid 3 🕈 Bid 2 축

In both cases the hands contain good playing strength but do not have the high-card values for an opening bid. Whatever the strength of the weak jump overcall, the response structure is the same, although, of course, the weaker the overcall, the more one needs to respond. Because jump overcalls show good playing strength rather than good defence, the responder should strain to raise the level pre-emptively whenever he has a fit. Next week we will look at a cue-bid of the opponent's suil.

Tor details of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942 9569.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SESTINA 👛 a. An Arabian princess b. A poem c. A dried grape

BERCHTA a. A witch b. A grass roof c. A poisonous lizard

HYADES a. A snake b. A river of Hell c. Seven weepers HARRINGTONS

a. Long Johns

b. Farthings c. Ofter hounds Answers on page 46

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

FIDE preview

Continuing my preview of the FIDE (world chess federation) world championship, set to begin on June 6, a significant feature of the play of the defending champion Anatoly Karpov is his ability to squeeze out a win with the most subtle of moves. Where Kasparov uses a broad-

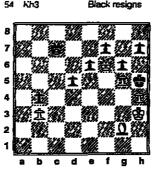
sword, Karpov prefers the rapier. His particular forte is detecting minute advantages in virtually symmetrical and seemingly balanced situations. Today's game shows Karpov at his best and indicates the type of position which Kamsky will have to avoid if he wishes to win the championship against his great rival.

White: Anatoly Karpov Black: Gata Kamsky Moscow 1992

Grunfeld Defence Nt3 d5 05 0-0 0-0 Nc.3 eti Nfd7 9 0-0 10 f4 Nc6 Nb6 Bd7 Ne7 Oxd7 Rac8 a6 Rc7 14 Nxd7 15 e5 16 Rc1 17 b3 18 Od2 Bf8 Nc6 Ba3 Nb4 Qe8 Bb2 Nc2 Qe7 Nd7 22 Rod1 27 Bg1 28 Rf3 Ob4 Ot8 Og7 b6 30 Og5 31 Od2 33 h4 Rc2 Nc6 34 a3 35 Qt4

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R3i2 axb4 Rxc2 Pxc2 Ba3 Nxe5 42 Qxd2 43 Qc2 44 dxe5 45 Qc8 46 Bg2 47 kh2 Bb2 Cxd8+ Cxf5 Qc2 53 Kg3 54 Kh3 Qc7+



Prize change

The prize fund for the FIDE world championship has been an-nounced as \$2 million, of which \$400,000 was earmarked as a tax to FIDE itself and \$500,000 was set aside as a donation to the Chil-dren's Fund of Kalmykia. That left \$1.1 million to be shared between

the two players. However, Gata Kamsky, the challenger, has categorically re-fused to accept the concept of donaring \$500,000 from the prize to the children's fund. His protest has been accepted by FIDE and the amount to be shared between the players has now risen to \$1.6 million. \$100,000 more than the officially announced prize fund for the PCA (Professional Chess Association) world championship between Garry Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand held in New York last year.

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WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is from the game Dvotris - Feher, Budapest 1991. White has powerful threats along the h-file but the black bishop is covering the h8 and g7 squares. White could try to eliminate this piece with I Nxf6+ but then 1 ... Qxd6 follows and the black queen proves a good replacement for the bishop. Can you see a more subtle way for White to proceed? Solution, page 46

By Raymond Keene



BADMINTON HONG KONG: Uber Cup: Group A: Indonesia 5 Japan 0, China 5 Russia 0. BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 17 California 6: Cleveland 5 Detroit 2; Seattle 10 New York 5: Chicago 20 Milwaukee 8: Minnesota 2: Toronto 1: Kansas City 3 Texas 1 Postponed: Baltimore v Celdand. Posporad: Balamore v Oldord.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pháscépria 7 San
Francisco 6 (in 10ms). Houston 7 Chicago
5: St Lous 6 Florida 0' Presburgh 3 Allanta
0: Los Angeles 7 Montreal 2: San Diego 4
New York 3 (in 10ms). Postponed:
Colorado v Cinoman.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Play-offs: Semi-final: Eastern Conference: Orlando 96 Attente 88 (Orlando win best-of-seven senes 4-1)

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Todmorder: Nottinghemethin 289 and 283-4 dec (J. R. Witeman 113 not out, W. M. Noon 82. R. T. Bales 6-1). Yorkshire 212 and 363-7 (R. A. Aettleborough 192 not out). Yorkshire won by three wickets Chelmsford: Gloucestershire 214 and 312-5 (P. Lazenbuy 22. D. Cowley 103 not out). Essex. 374-7. dec JA. Höbbert 88, S. Peters 97). Match drawn. Ukbridge: Middlesex 253 and 405-6 dec JG. M. Prostay 129, S. P. Mohal 60). Surgey 411-8 dec J. D. Ratchille 110, N. F. Sargeant 82, G. J. Kenns 81). Match drawn. Matidistoner. Kent 379-7 dec and 210-8 dec JC. D. Company 411-8 dec JD. Patchille 110, N. F. Sargeant 82, G. J. Kenns 81). Match drawn Matidistoner. Kent 379-7 dec and 210-8 dec JC. P. Clarke 53; E. J. Starriord 5-81). kent won by 41 nurs. Woncester: Winerstershire 281 and 267 (V. P. Clarke 53; E. J. Starriord 5-81). kent won by 41 nurs. Woncester: Winerstershire 303 and 281 (V. S. Solaris 64, J. T. Raiph 100; A. R. Roberts 4-74); Northamptonshire 318-9 dec and 202 (P. C. I. Hollowdy 68; C. E. Statohiey 9-90). Glarmorgan 345-7 dec and 278-8 (A. W. Evans 101, J. R. A. Williams 53]. Glarmorgan won by how wickets. Haslingden: Sussen, 154 and 30-4 dec (T. R. Houvell 58, M. Burne 60, M. D. Edmonds 57 not out); Hampshire 130 and 206 (L. J. Houvell 58, M. Burne 60, M. D. Edmonds 57 not out); Hampshire 130 and 206 (L. J. Botham 54, D. A. Altree 4-62). Warwickshire won by 231 nurs. SCHOOLS. MATCHES: "Truto 167,

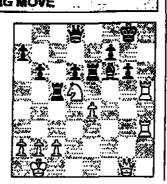
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SCHOOLS. MATCHES: "Trusto 167, Shebbear 99-4; "Trusto 114-8, Pentetth 115-3, Trusto 176-8, "Kelly 104; West Stuckland 188-7, "Trusto 203-3; "Streetsbury 124, King Edwards (Birminghern) 35, XL. Club 178-6 dec. "Lancing Coll 179-3; Oswestry 131-7 dec. "Wrekin 132; MCC 217-4 dec, "Wrekin 132; MCC 217-4 dec, "Bushop's Storiford Coll 194-8; "Reading 97, Ozatory 88-3; "Judd 213-2, Ozkwood Park 45 ("denotes home team), Under-15 Lord's Taxemers National Knocksut Cups. Streetsbury 274-4 (A Limpleby 112 not out), Bromsgrove 68

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results UEFA CUP: Final, second leg: Bot

Nd8

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Bayern Munich 3 (Bayern win 5-1 on aggi ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Play-offs: Semi-finals, second legs: First division: Crystal Palace 1, Charlton 0 (Palace win 3-1 on agg). Notice City 0 Leicester 1 (Leicester win 1-0 on agg) Second division: Blackpool 0 Bradford 3 (Bradford win 3-2 on agg). Notice County 1 Crewe Alexandra 0 (Notic County win 3-2 on agg). Phymouth 3 Colchester 1 (Plymouth win 3-2 on agg). Phymouth 3 Colchester 1 (Plymouth win 3-2 on agg). ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premiler division: Alvechurch Villa 0 Southam 4; Knowle 3 Handrahan Timbers 0: Massey Ferguson 1 Studiey BKL 1: Wellesbourne 0 Covents Shorts 3 NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premiler division: Godalming and Guidford 5 Sandhurs 0, Peppard 2 Natherne 4, Raynes Park Vale 1 Fetham 2: Reading 1 Hartley Wintrey 0.

FOR THE RECORD

WORLD CUP: Caribbean qualifying zone: Second round, second leg: Cayman Islands 0 Cube 5 (at George Town, Cube wn 6-0 on agg and play Harr or Grenada in thard round).

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EDMONTON, Alberta: Comcacai Ofympic qualifying tournament: El Salvador 3 Jamaica 1: Canada 0 Trindad and Tobogo 0; Mesco 4 Costa Rica 0; Jamaica 2 Costa Rica 1: Canada and Tobago 1: Cora de Costa Rica 1: Canada and Tobago 1: Cora de Costa Rica 1: Canada and Tobago 1: Cora de Cora de Costa Rica 1: Cora de C

REAL TENNIS QUEEN'S CLUB: Laurent-Perrier Cocard o Sub-community of the matches: J Snow (GB) bt W Davies (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; M Gooding (GB) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; L Deucher (Aus) bt J Male (GB) 5-6, 6-3, 3-8, 6-5, 6-2, F Fahrey (Aus) by C Bray (GB) 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.

SAILING BRUT LYMINGTON CUP: Quarter-finals: R Coutts (NZ) bt S Mohr (Den) 3-0, E Baird (US) bt M Wisser (Get) 3-0; C Law (GB) bt T Pepornet (Fr) 3-2; P Holmberg (USVI) bt P Gilmour (Aus) 3-2.

TENNIS ROME: Men's tournament: second round: Rivajicek (Holf) bit F Clavet (Sp) 8-4, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bit A Voince (Rom) 7-6, 8-1; T Muster (Austria) bit P Korda (Cz) 8-2, 8-3; Y Kaleinikov (Russ) bit P Korda (Cz) 8-2, 8-1, 8-2; W Ferreira (SA) bit R Peneburg (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; A Coste (Sp) bit K Carlsen (Den) 6-1, 6-4; A Medvedev (Us) bit E Alvarez (Sp) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; G Ivanisevic (Cro)

TODAY'S FIXTURES _____

Tetley's challenge series 11 0, second day of three HOVE: Sussex v Indiana Britannic Assurance championship 11.0, second day of laur. 104 overs

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Yorkshire
ILFORD: Essex v Kent
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
LEICESTER: Lecestershire v Worcestershire TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

University matches 11 O, second day of three FENNER'S: Cambridge University v THE PARKS: Oxford University v

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Bisho Auckland: Durham v Nottinghartshire Worcester: Worceslershire v Sornersel.

RUGBY LEAGUE kick-off 730 Stones Super League Warrington v St Helens Second division York v South Wales

GOLF: Benson and Hedges International (Thame). Brabazon, Trophy (Royal St GOLF: benne.
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George's).
GYMNASTICS: Women's European championships (NEC, Brrmingham).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Eastbourne (7 30); Codod v Middlesbrough (7 30); Peterborough v Sheffleld (7 30); Conference League: Arena Essex v Exale TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff): Rover championiships (Weish National Tennis Centro, Cardiff)

OTHER SPORT

round: H Nagyova (Slovakia) of S Appelmans (Bel) 6-4 7-5 M Mazzona (Ven) bl M-J Gardana (Ag) 6-1 6-3, N Radiord (Aus) bl A Seria-Zanath (In 6-0, 6-3, A Fucia (Fri of J Lumova (Russ) 6-7 6-0 6-2, D Van Roost (Bel) of N Egorova (Russ) 6-1, 6-3 CORAL SPRINGS, Flonde: Men's tourna-ment (US unless stated) Second round: S Stolle (Aus) of T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 7-6 J Stollenberg (Aus) bl G Radou (Fi) 6-2, 6-3, M Gustalsson (Swe) of F Montana 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, V Spadee bl N Lapenti (Ecu) 7-5, 4-6, 4-2 ret.

6-3, 3-6, 7-5
CARDIFF: Men's tournement: Quarterfinals: T Schessing (Austra) bt R Nicksh
(Ger) 6-4, 6-4, O Burneze (Sp) bt A Dupus
(Fr) 7-6, 6-4; F Dondo (Uru) bl A Richardson
(GB) 6-2, 6-2: W Treu (Austra) bt J Delgado
(GB) 7-6, 6-4 Women's tournament: First

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THE Centennial Olympic Sta-

dium, which one athletics

grand prix official suggested

this week "just does not say

Olympic Games", opens to-

morrow with the highest-qual-

ity meeting staged in the

United States since the 1984

Games in Los Angeles. It might have provided a land-

mark of inspiration for the youngsters who train nearby

on a track made from recycled

running shoes, except that

athletics will not be staying at

the Olympic Stadium, built at a cost of \$209 million (about

Noureddine Morceli, Sergey

Bubka, Javier Sotomayor,

Gwen Torrence and Jonathan

Edwards are among the ath-

letes here for the first of only

four meetings in the arena before it is converted into a

baseball stadium and re-

named by its new residents,

the Atlanta Braves. With its

ROWERS from the United

States, Canada and Austra-

lia — allied with thoughts

of the fast-approaching

Olympic Games — will

bring a competitive edge to

the Duisburg International

Regatta this weekend (Mike Rosewell writes). A

total of 2,300 competitors, in 918 crews, will gather

here for one of the most

significant meetings in the

European rowing calendar.

crews in the line-up, and

Jürgen Grobler, the nat-

ional coach, hopes to test

candidates not only for

Atlanta but also for the

world championships and

The pre-selected Olympic

and Matthew Pinsent in

the coxless pairs and the

coxless four, combining the

Searle brothers with Ru-

- Steve Redgrave

under-23 championships.

Great Britain has 46

Johnson.

Grobler scrutinises

leading contenders

£138 million), for long.

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Atlanta unveils Games stadium

Distinguished cast

future in mind, it has been

designed for easy conversion

and does not have the bowl-

like configuration normally

associated with Olympic and

world championships athletics stadiums. The low, banked

seating at one end is more a

ventilator for atmosphere than

allowed on to the track, at least

not officially. Jenny Spangler,

eventers. "It's getting the but-terflies going," Fucci said. "It

having won in Mannheim

last weekend. The Duis-

burg team will, therefore,

be spearheaded by the

men's and women's eights.

who face, respectively, 15

The women will be back

to full strength with the return of Miriam Batten

after a rib injury. Her younger sister, Guin, who

has qualified for Atlanta,

contests the women's sculls.

but for three other potential

Olympic crews - Andy

Sinton and Nick Strange in

the men's lightweight dou-

ble, Alison Brownless and

Jane Hall in the women's

lightweight double, and

Trish Reid and Annabelle

Eyres in the women's

heavyweight double -

Duisburg will be the last

test before their final Olym-

pic qualifying opportunity

and nine opponents.

So far, nobody has been

a generator.

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NEWTON ABBOT

6.00 Shirtey's Train. 6.30 Blasket Hero. 7.00 Allo George. 7.30 Decide Yourself. 8.00 Romany King. 8.30 Take A Flyer.

GOING: FIRM, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES

6.00 VALS SPECIAL BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£3,696: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

7-4 Shirtey's Yrant. 2-1 Mr Playfett, 5-1 Caspien Behaga, 6-1 Enteraid Moon, 10-1 Dute Ol Dreams, 14-1 Quick Million.

6.30 J C MILTON ELECTRICALS HANDICAP **HURDLE (£3,436: 2m 6f) (5)**

1 4511 MARRIE SOCIETY 10 (CD,S) A Newcombe 8-12-3 (7ed) 4 POR2 HOSTILE WITNESS 11 (CO.F.S) P Hedger 6-11-6. M Richards 5 0000 COEUR BATTANT 16 (F) B Baker 6-10-0 B Powell 7-4 Manne Society. 11-4 Jadish, 3-1 Blasket Hero, 5-1 Hostile Witness, 14-1 Coper Butani.

7.00 SPA-TRANS HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,765; 2m 5t 110yd) (4) 1 US12 ALL FOR LICK 14 (BF.6.5) M Pipe 11-12-0 ... D Walsh (3) 2 FSW CASTLE (MING 917 (F.6) P Hedger 9-11-3 M Richards 3 12:11 ALLO GEORGE 14 (COL.C.5) A Horsownto 10-10-11 A Thornton 4 UU11 POLDEN PRICE 11 (F) 6 Balding 8-10-4 (Sec) ... B Califort

Relatives tip the balance for Wales in cup-tie

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ONLY nine of the squad announced yesterday by Wales to defend the European rugby league championship next month were born the right side of Offa's Dyke. For the first time since the national team's resurrection in 1991. 'Anglos" are in a majority. Craig Dean, Jason Critchley

and Andy Eyres are the newest English recruits to the land of their grandparents. Since reaching the semi-finals of the World Cup last October. Jonathan Davies, Jonathan Griffiths, Adrian Hadley, Phil Ford and Kevin Ellis have returned to rugby union.
Clive Griffiths, the Wales

coach, saw little point in selecting Scott Quinnell, as he is injured and is due to join Richmond in July. David Young is included in the 24strong party, even though he, too, is off at the end of the season, to Cardiff.

With the search for Welsh players and their ante-cendents being stepped up in England, the probable "fast-track" promotion of South Wales into the Stones Super League next season and a focus for professional rugby league in Cardiff, all is not gloom for the Welsh. Dean is the first choice scrum half for the opening match, at Carcassonne, against France, on June 5.

Scott Gibbs is struggling with a shoulder injury for that first European game. Alan Hunte takes his place for the visit today to Warrington, where St Helens can go four points clear in the Super League.

Michael Jackson, the Halifax Blue Sox forward, a victim of mistaken identity by the referee in his dismissal on Tuesday during the home defeat by Wigan, was deared yesterday of comitting any offence. Instead, Asa Amone, the full back, has been ordered before the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee next Thursday.

WALES SOLIAD: Backer P Atcheson (Didham), A Beterman (Cronulia), G Corolle (Bracticot), J Critchley (Keighley), C Dean (Halfrad), J Devereux (Wiches), A Eyres (Keighley), S Gibbs (St Hetens), I Harris (Warnoston), G Stephens (Hull), A Suffivan (St Helens), R Covers (Wigan), K Curmingham (St Helens), R Eyres (Leeds), M Hell (Wigan), M Jones (Warnoston), P Mortarly (Haltax), M Perrest (Halfray, R Phillips (Worlangton), K Sterrett (Mgan), R Web-ters (Saffray)

IN BRIEF Unhappy build-up hampers Vicario

WITH only ten days to go before the French Open. things are not looking too promising for Arantxa Sán-chez Vicario (Alix Ramsay writes). Just when she should be putting the finishing touches to her clay court game, she found herself struggling to claim a place in the quarterfinals of the German Open.

It took nearly three hours for the defending champion to squeeze past Ludmila Richterova 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, a player ranked 77 places below her on the computer.

Double tops

Badminton: England made a spectacular recovery in their start to the Uber Cup world team finals when their women beat the home country, Hong Kong, 3-2 after standing within one point of a 3-0 losing deficit yesterday.

The pair who saved the match and tie point at 11-14 down in the second game of the first doubles were Gillian Gowers and Joanne Muggeridge, who went on to win 3-15, 17-14, 15-4 against Ng Ching and Tung Chau Man.

Thomas out

Rugby union: Justin Thomas the Wales full back, was ruled out yesterday of the tour of Australia, this month by a knee injury. He has partial torn ligaments and will need four to six weeks of treatment before he can train again. Crispin Cormack, of Pontypridd, replaces him in the squad of 30.

Law rules

Sailing: Chris Law, winner of the Lymington Cup in 1994, put up a determined fight on the Solent yesterday to beat Thierry Peponnet, of France, and book his place in semi-final stages today.

Male stumbles

Real tennis: Lachie Denchar, the former world No i, survived two match points at Queen's Club before beating the world rackets champion, James Male, 5-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-5, 6-2, in the Laurent-Perrier Masters Championship, the sport's richest event. The world champion, Robert Fahey, dropped just five Petworth professional

assembles for Olympic rehearsal FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA will really get me motivated." While Fucci races, others will be getting ready half a mile away on a warm-up track that used to be a site where drugdealers gathered. How Atlan-ta has been allowed to get away with a system which requires athletes to warm up then catch a bus back to the stadium is beyond comprehension, but this is how it will be tomorrow and during the

Olympics in two months time. a member of the United States On a \$1 million budget, the Olympic marathon team, did grand prix organisers here in the peach-growing capital of manage to break security re-cently to practise her finish. through the tunnel and round the Deep South have bought a a lap of the track, but the first box of fruit at a fraction of the shop price. The standard of official steps on the Mondo the meeting is unlikely to fall far short of the Zurich grand surface take place tomorrow. For Drew Fucci, a contender prix which, with a \$4.5 million for the US Olympic decathlon budget, is always the best of the season. The cause has been team, it will be an honour. Fucci lines up in the very first race in the stadium, a 110 helped by shoe sponsors and metres hurdles for multithe US federation exerting

pressure on the leading American athletes to be here to help put on a good pre-Olympic In an attempt to fill the 83,100-capacity stadium for its inauguration — only 20,000 seats have been sold — nearly 40,000 tickets have been given away to Olympic volunteers As an untried venue, it needs a thorough test of procedures

before the Olympics. Barcelo-

na, the venue for the 1992

Olympics, had a World Cup

and grand prix final to iron out the kinks. This will be a test, too, of how Atlanta spectators respond to the athletes' performances. "Atlanta has always been known as a track and field community and I do not think the public has to be educated as much as some people think," Thomas McLean, the meeting director.

The Atlanta Olympic Organising Committee is charging the grand prix nearly \$500,000 to use the stadium which, as Sandro Giovannelli, the International Amateur Athletic Federation competitions director, said, "seems strange as it is the inauguration of the stadium". Negotians to reduce the figure an



Parke returns to competitive squash today with his perspectives irrevocably altered

Parke fosters survival instinct

By COLIN McQuillan

SIMON PARKE returns to work today. He is, by his own assessment, about 60 per cent up to the task. His hair has grown enough for public display, however, and he is not going to die just yet. Instead, he is going to play in the Al Ahram International squash

tournament in Giza, Egypt. For the past four months the 23-year-old Nottinghambased Yorkshireman has given death a certain amount of attention. In mid-December, just after helping England win their first world team championship, he found a hard lump in his right testicle. By the time he was in Bombay for the Mahindra Challenge, the tes-ticle was swollen and beginning to cause discomfort. By Christmas, he knew it was a malignant form of cancer

requiring immediate surgery. with chemotherapy to follow. The first thing th

As to supporters' behaviour, I

fear there is nothing to choose between the cities of Liverpool and Manchester. Losers al-

ways behave badly: ask the

Liverpool supporters whose coach was stoned leaving

Maine Road the previous

I could not understand the

reference to Bridgewater Hall.

Liverpool already has one of the finest concert halls in

Europe. That Manchester

should at last have got round

to replacing the awful Free Trade Hall is to be commend-

ed, but why has Manchester not got the sense (or sensitiv-

ity) to call it the Barbirolli Hall?

Saturday.

Yours truly,

DAVID LITTLE,

21 Woodlands Road,

Formby, Liverpool.

of Nottingham City Hospital was that testicular cancer was not unusual among young men and there is a 95 per cent clear-up rate. But cancer is a word that just hangs in your head. People die of it every

"I know some of the people I met during my chemotherapy sessions will not come out the other end. It changes your perspective fairly dram-

The surgery was straightforward and the chemotherapy, an insurance against future recurrence, has done both its best and its worst. "It was dire," Parke said, "Three days at a time of drip-feed chemicals. You feel sick a lot of the time. Then your hair starts falling out in the shower."

His girlfriend, Caroline Varley, suffered too. "She took all the griping, all the arguing about stupid little things, all in the Oncology Department the frustration," Parke said. But the ambition remains."

Coong: good to arm
2.00 (im 2) 85/d) 1. DR MASSINI (M J
Kinara, 6-4 lav, Richard Evens's nap and
Newmanicated Correspondent's nap): 2,
King Alex (Pat Eddery, 9-4); 3, Astor Place
(J Feid, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Microby (8th),
16 Van Gunp (4th), 20 Radiant Star (5th), 6
nan 3/41, 41. 21, 41, 91. M Sloute at
Newmanicat. Tota: £2.30; £1.30, £1.70 DF:
£2.50. CSF: £5.03.

York Going: good to firm "When you are used to constant physical activity and well-being, sitting around feeling weak and sick with the word 'cancer' hanging in your head can make you pretty difficult to live with."

For the Al Ahram, Parke has been seeded No 5 on the basis of his record, but, in a strong field, progress beyond the second round will be

"I can be back to full fitness again, I think, in time for the start of the Asian circuit in Hong Kong in September." he said. But I really need to show myself and the rest of the pack that I have survived to become troublesome again.

"I have to start building again to get to the top. I have been world junior champion. Of course, my life ambition is to take Jansher Khan's world title. Perspectives change. Life seems more va

Lutie Kenny (14-1). Dyanko 20-1 tav. 13 ran. 5. 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £8 60; £3 30, £1 90, £2.80 DF: £21 30. Troc: £104.40. CSF: £44.72 Delly Fisk finished first but after a stewards' inquiry was placed last. 4-50 (Im II 209yd) 1, Serdonic (W Ryen, 6-5 tav): 2, Serenes (4-1): 3, Nassem Alsahar (5-1) 11 ran, 8, hd. H Cecil Tote: E1 90; E1,50, E1,20, E2,00, DF: E5 40, Thor E5,40 CSF: E7,70.

25.40 (GP: 27.70) 2, Hetitashin (8-1); 3, Sowet Bride (8-4) 9 ran 31, 6. L. Cumani Tota: £2.30; £1.30, £2.40, £1.30. DF: £22.00. Trio: £7.50. CSF. £17.26. Tricast: £35.05. Placepot: £1,070.10. Guadpot: £248.80.

Perth:
Going: Irm, good to firm in places
1.50 (2m #110yd hdie) 1, Jubran (R Guest,
9-4 lay); 2, Muzrak (H.); 3, Musc Bitz (9-1).
18 ran. Nk, 8t, J Dodds. Tote. 52 90; 51 70.
51.50, 51 50. DF: 67.40. Tro. 510.20 CSF:
51.37:
12.20 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Flintlock (R McGrain, 5-1); 2, Stash The Cash (9-1); 3, Teslay frights (9-2); Kerro Sabo 4-1 lay 12 ran.
NR Bight Sharp, 394, 134 II Alexander Tote.
51 90 CSF: 550.24 Tricast 2008.47.
2.55 (3m ch) 1, Unor (G Cahit, 3-1 lay); 2,
Golden Piddle (13-2), 3, Off The Bru (10-1).
11 ran. 3, 1-4 P Montfelth. Toter 52 80;
£1.40, 51.50, £3.40 DF: £5.10. Trio: £2.010.
CSF: 521.58. Tricast £159.78
3.30 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Adamatic (B Storey,
1-4 lay); 2, Whitemoss Leader (20-1); 3,
Granderse (16-1), 5 ran. 29-1, 81. R Alian.
Toter £1.30, £1.00, £9.30. DF: £3.50. CSF:
55.37.
4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdie) 1, Topotherorth-

(53.7)
 4.00 (2m 4f 110)rd hole) 1, Topothenorth-racing (R Supple, 10-1), 2, Lavel Edge (25-1);
 Johns The Boy (5-1) Glenugle 4-1 fav 10 ran NR: Sechicia, 11, 2vi P Beaumont, Toter 511 50; 25-50, 64 90, 22-60. DF, 191-50 Trio 6153 30 CSF: £190.80 Tricast £1,289.02

4.40 (6) 1. BELGRAVIA († Quinn, 5-1): 2. Referencium (Paul Eddery, 11-4): 3, Haweri († Hills, 5-4 lay). ALSO FIAN' 7 Andreyev (4th). 10 Lucayan Beach (5th). 5 ran. Kl. 314, 3, 51. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tolo: £4.70; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £8.50. CSF-£17.31

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5.10 (Im 2) 85yd) 1, KEY TO MY HEART (J. Wesnur, 12-1), 2, Medalle MRaine (Pat Edday, 4-1); 3, Senoose (J. Red, 2-1 lay), ALSO RAN, 7-2 Ten Past Sx (Shi), 9-2 Ball Gown (8th), 6 Mornents Of Fortune (4th) 6 ran NR. Clurgo, 314, 11, 8, 14, 4th hd. Miss 5 Half at Medaleham. Tete: £12-50; £2-40, £2.10. DF. £18.10 CSF: £54.71. Jecipot not won (pool of £87,050.80 carried forward to Newtoury today). Placepot: £886.90. Cusadpot: £119.10.

3.45 (6 212yd) 1, Morucco (A Eddery, 20-1); 2, Jaczim (5-1 ji-tav), 3, Send Star (14-1), Ahlay 5-1 ji-tav 14 ran, 31, 14-1 M Chennon, Tole \$14.80; 62.50, £1.10, £1.70 DF: £24.70, True: £180.40 CSF- £109.50 Tincast £1,323

Perth

Newmarket Tota: 52.30; 51.30, 51.70 DF: 22.50. CSF: 55.03.
2.55 (71 202yd) 1, MISSILE (R Cochrane, 6-1 (R-layl: 2, Winter Romance (Paul Eddery, 6-1 (R-layl: 2, Winter Romance (Paul Eddery, 6-1 (R-layl: 2, Winter Romance) (Paul Eddery, 6-1 (R-layl: 10-1), Mybodye, Therhea, 10 Sky Dorne, 14-Indian Relative, 20 Butfinch, 25 Truancy, 33 Russian Rascal (6th), 13 ren. Hd, 141, 3, 34, sh rid. W Haggas at Newmarkel. Tota: 59.50; 52.40, 52.80; 53.30, DF: 52.20 Truc 508.40 CSF: 52.20 Trucast: 238.81.
3.05 (8t 21-4yd) 1, PCLISH SPRING (B Thomson, 14-1); 2, Royal Mesk (Pat Eddery, 5-1 fayl: 3, Carlcature (Paul Eddery, 5-1 fayl: 3, Carlcature (P

3.40 (Im 5/194yd) 1, CLASSIC CUCHE (M J Kinane, 2-1); 2, Strategic Choice (T Quant, 13.8 tay); 3, Court Of Honour (J Red, 10-1) ALSO FAN. 100-30 Gay, Snot (4th), 18 Asterita (5th), 5 tan. 194, 2, 3lvl, 9 S bin Surour at Newmarket, 10tr, 1220; £1 30, £1 40, DF, 52 40, CSF; £5 40.

ET 30, ET 40, DF, 52.40, CSF; 55.40, 4.10 (8) 1, VENTURE CAPITALIST (R Cochrane, 11-1); 2, Branston Abby (J Wesser, 16-1); 3, Royale Figurine (B Homson, 20-1), ALSO BAN: 5-2 tev Difficient, 11-4 Passion For Life (8th), 7 Lucky Lionel (4th), 10 Mubini, Westcourt Mago., 11 Thrilling Day, 12 Woodborough (5th), 20 Easy Dollar, 50 Welsh Mist, 12 can. Hd, Ind. Ist, 34, 11. D Nichols at Thresk Tote: E11.70; E1 80, E3.90, E4.30 DF; 540.50. Tino: E378.40 CSF; E161.07
4.40 (60) 1, BELSPAWIA (T Quinn, 5-1); 2.

2-10 (5/1 1, Tipsy Creek (W Ryan, 7-4 los); 2, Maserati Monk (6-1); 3, Summer Quoen (10-1) 10 ran NR Cauda Eduna, 3(4); 18 B Handury, Tote: 23.00; 21.10; 51.70; 54.20 DF: 29.50 Tito: 254 70 CSF: £14.01. 245 (m) 1, Sound Check (M Testbutt.
18-1): 2 Dancing Image (7-1): 3, Withit Lad (14-1): 4, Bright Edigose (14-1): Myssic Dawn 7-2 faw 18 ran. Sn rid, rid, 8 Meehan. Tote: 538 10: £4.50, £2.40, £4.10, £3.70 DF-£83.90. The

3.15 (Im 4) 1, Chief Contender (R Haviin, 5-6 lav. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating): 2, Yom Jamesi (7-4); 3, Lear Jot (9-2), 3 m NF: Prospector's Cove, Spilo, 3/4, 7l. P Chappie-Hyem Tote: £150, DF: £160, CSF: £250.

late details Huntingdon Going: good to firm

Placepot: £117.00. Quadoot: £70.80.

Wednesday's

Going: good to firm
6.10 (2m SI 110yd hdle) 1, Fer Out (M
Brennan, 7-2 lav); 2, Lambson (B-1); 3, ljab
(7-1) 14 ran NF: Abdul Ernir, Alkedon Lad.
194, 11, 0 Brennan Tote: 25 00; 25.50,
25.10, 25.60, DF: £20.40, Trio: £144.20,
CSF: £30 98, Triosat: £175.88,
8-40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Males A Stand (D
Bridgwater, 5-4 lav); 2, Bon Voyage (14-1);
3, See God (1-1), 13 ran, 41, 23, M Figs.
Tote: £5 60; £1.70, £2.20, £2.50, DF: £39.40,
Trio: £80.40, CSF £20.90

8.49 (3m 2' holle) 1, Glengarnif Girl (D Bridgwater, 2-7 fav); 2, Red Elkon (7-2); 3, Pink Sunset (6-1), 4 ran, Hd, 19; M Pipe Tote: £1.60, DF: £1.80, CSF: £2.13. 20.50. CSF: 222.78 5.00 (2m 10yd flat) 1. Bit O Macle (S Meirose, 3-1): 2, Cheater (9-1): 3, Dentes Amour (7-1). Slotz Warrior 7-4 fax, 9 ran. 3½, 3 R Alian Tole: 25 00, £1 60, £3.20, £1 70. DF: £32.30. Trio: £65.00. CSF: Placepot £18.40. Perth Going: good to firm, firm in places

214.30. USF: 238.70.
7.25 (3m 10yd holle) 1, Pelm House (L. Wyer, 8-1); 2, Cherry Poleny (8-1); 3, Therels (3-1 in), 10 ran, NF; Writegalesprincess, 8, 3/4, J. Hellers, Tote: £7.30; £2.00, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £29.60. Trio: £47.20. CSF: £22.62. Tricast; £214.52. 202.62. Intest: £274.52.
7.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Fiveleigh Builds (A. Thomton, 7-2); 2, Cross Carmon (3-1); 3, Beaucadeau (15-8 tel), 7 (am. NR: Wayuphis, 3, 8, Miss L. Russell, Tote: \$5,60; £2.30, £2.50. DF: £8.70. CSF: £14.77. Tricast: £23.48.

7.30 TRUMARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY SKY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,934: 2m 11) (6)

1 101F DECDE YOURSELF 17 (F.S.) T Thomson Junes 5-12-0. A Times 9 2023 GENERAL SHRILEY 13 F Hedger 5-11-0. M Rich 3 PP MONEGHETTI 116 M Pine 5-11-0. D Waled 4 P D GERBA FSTRWAL 14 R Baine 6-11-0. B PP. 4-12-0. B 4-6 Decide Yourself, 5-1 General Shirtey, 8-1 Miss Firecracker, 8-7 On My Toes, 10-1 Managhatii, 16-7 Opera Festival

8.00 MIKE HOWARD & DICK SPENCER MEHORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Arnaleurs: £1,138: 3m 21110yd) (9) 1 4132 SPRING FUR 11P (CD.F.G.S) Mrs. A Young 13-12-3. M G Miller (7)
2 1-PP BATS! 78P (F.S.) Disoner 12-11-7. L. Jefford (7)
3 U-2P FLOCO MARK 6P (F) R Ford 12-11-7. S Miller (7)
4 2751 TOSSURY 6P 6F, 6F Bother 11-11-7. Misse P Conting (8)
5 P344 SCOOL ORIGINATION 10 10 Miller 11-11-7. Misse P Conting (8)
6 4122 REVER BE GREAT 11P (F.G.S) K Pearce 14-11-7. D Schoma (7)
6 5022 ROMANY (MIS) 11 (F.G.S) K Pearce 14-11-7. D Schoma (7)
6 5022 ROMANY (MIS) 11 (F.G.S) K Pearce 14-11-7. D Schoma (7)
6 1452 SOUTHERLY GALE 10 M Pape 9-11-7. A Patron (8)
9 PUFF STORMY FASHION 6P R Read 9-11-7. A Patron (8)
9 PUFF STORMY FASHION 6P R Read 9-11-7. Survey for 10-11-1 (7)

7.4 Fosbury, 5-2 Remany Yang, 6-1 Southerly Gale, 7-1 Spring Feit, 10-1 Flood Mark, Good King Heary, 16-1 Meser Se Great, 20-1 others. 8.30 FINAL FLING HANDICAP

7 PUS AFTER THE FOX 16 N MILDRIN 9-10-0

COURSE SPECIALISTS

There's probably one somewhere around the Fuggles Brewery. But nobody's found it yet.



SPORTS LETTERS

Liverpool unfairly condemned

From Professor E. Moonman Final is only a football match. Sir, It is perfectly correct for Michael Henderson (May 13) to be concerned about the behaviour of a score of supporters at the FA Cup Final, but he must not make a wider condemnation of all people who are Scouse.

There is no excuse for hooliganism and we may be talking about a small number of people, but no such inci-dents were reported when the other team on Merseyside played in the final 12 months ago against the same opponents, Manchester United. Scouse is all Merseyside,

not just habitues of Anfield. Yours etc., ERIC MOONMAN, l Beacon Hill, N7.

From Mr David Little Sir. Perhaps Michael Henderson needs to realise the Cup

Loyal performer From the Secretary of Middle-sex County Cricket Club Sir, The article by Simon Wilde (May 11) included an unfair and purely speculative passage about Mark Rampra-kash and, on behalf of his employers, Middlesex County

Cricket Club, I should like to set the record straight. Mark Ramprakash is not depressed by events in South Africa last winter. He is determined to win back his place in the England team, but at

Cricketing divide

Sir. I agree with Mr Martin

Miller (Sports Letters, May 9) that a split of the county cricket championship into two

divisions of nine teams, with

end-of-season play-offs to de-

termine the champion, is a

good idea. I disagree both with

From Mr Roger Tilbury

some of his early-season performances for Middlesex have been disappointing, but it is nonsense to suggest (as Simon Wilde appeared to) that he might not be well motivated and not be giving his best for

present he is handicapped by both influenza and a painful

is not feeling very well. Yours sincerely, J. HARDSTAFF. Secretary. Middlesex County Cricket back injury. In consequence, Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8.

> be in the northern division. rather than with first and second divisions, is both to keep the main local rivairies

his split and his reason. A better split than East-West would be South-North leven though North would appear to be not far above Watford). The southern division would comprise Essex,

Hampshire, Kent, Middlesex, Somerset, Surrey and Sussex. The other nine counties would The reason to do it this way,

and to avoid the soul-destroying cricket that would undoubtedly be played by teams struggling to avoid relegation. These teams should then play home and away as I do not believe we play too much

ROGER TILBURY. Glamorgan, Gloucestershire. Flat 4, 80 Shepherds Hill. No. 420 (6) 212yd) 1. Flying Pennent (9) Pennent, 6-1 tavl; 2. Mystical Maid (7-1); 3.

Mark Ramprakash is a great trier and he always gives 100 per cent to both Middlesex and England - even when he

> Salisbury Going: good to firm, firm in places 1.40 (im ti 209)d) 1, Stately Dencer (W Woods, 9-2); 2, Tent (7-2 lav); 3, Le Pellegrina (11-2) 12 ran. ½, sh hd. G Wragg, 100r; 25.40; E1.90, E1.80, § 180 DF- \$7.40. Ther \$30.00; CSF: \$19.93.

HURDLE (£2,019: 2m 1f) (7)

1 CORR SOPHISM 11 (CDF.G.S) M Place 7-12-0 O Burrows (7)

2 D-11 MARTISTSHOM 14 (CD.S). J Place 1-12-0 O Burrows (7)

3 D113 TAKE A R. VER 17 (B.D.F.G.S) C Wildram 11-10-8 S Powel

4 - OOP DOC'S COAT 11 (C.D.F.G.S) C Wildram 11-10-8 S Powel

5 OOD MISTER LAWSON 39 (CD.F.G.S B Street 10-10-3 M REchards

6 4354 COMMARCHE CREEK 11 (D.F. Miss J dy Pleases 6-10-2

Sopial Mistres (5) 9-4 Maintashim, 3-1 Sophison, 4-1 Tales A Flyer, 7-1 Communiche Greek, 8-1 Misle Lawson, 10-1 Doc's Cost, 16-1 Alber The Flox, TRANSERS: P Hobbs, 47 memors from 150 memors, 31.3%. A Newcombe, 8 from 29, 27.6%, P Hedger, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Pipe, 99 from 376, 26.3%, J Fitch-Hayes, 3 from 17, 17.6%; T Baucities Johns, 3 from 17, 17.6%; T Baucities JOCKEYS: G Torrier, 5 winners have 17 rides, 29 4%; A Thombar, 11-lron 52, 21.2%; B Citizent, 9 from 50, 18.0%; M Richards, 7 from 44, 15.9%, S Corran, 5 from 39, 12.8%, 1 Discounter, 4 from 32, 12.5%;

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Dr Massini, left, delivers a decisive challenge to King Alex in the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Conditions Stakes at York yesterday

Dr Massini answers Derby call

By Julian Muscat

THE changing discipline of preparing Derby candidates is perfectly illustrated by the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes. Scripted as an opportunity for inexperienced horses, it has become just about the most informative Epsom trial.

Dr Massini. trained by Michael Stoute, certainly caught the imagination in winning yesterday's renewal. Mick Kinane restrained his mount towards the rear before the combination smothered King Alex with a powerful finishing kick. Bookmakers were clearly taken by the colt. promoting him to 7-1 for the Blue Riband

In normal circumstances those odds would be an insult to the proven group performers. However, the Dante Stakes on Wednesday demonstrably failed to unlock the

therefore enter calculations even if he has much to prove. And there is plenty to admire in Dr Massini, unraced as a juvenile but now unbeaten in two starts.

"He is an interesting pros-pect," Kinane said. "He is a lazy, tough little fellow who is learning all the time. He'll get 12 furlongs well." The jockey's latter point was based on Dr Massini's zest in the final furlong, but there are grounds for exercising some caution. King Alex, the runner-up, signalled his inexperience at every turn. He spoiled his chance by running too freely and was eased by Pat Eddery.

The other bone of contention is Dr Massini's pedigree. His half-brother, Weigh Anchor, was a son of Slip Anchor, a noted stamina source. But Weigh Anchor proved most effective at distances short of 12 furlongs. Weigh Anchor and Dr Massini are out of

never won beyond seven furlongs.

However, it is greatly in Dr Massini's favour that his sire is the omnipotent Sadler's Wells, who has long made exceptions of rules. Otherwise. Dr Massini, named after a French surgeon, is custombuilt for Epsom. He is on the small side, which is no bad thing, and has a relaxed

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disposition. His attitude to

racing is exemplary. Dushyantor, runner-up to Glory Of Dancer in the Dante, attracted support for the Blue Riband yesterday. He was cut by Ladbrokes to 11-2 from 7-1. Interestingly, in spite of the

Wednesday have now usurped Mark Of Esteem and Even Top, who carry the 2,000 Guineas torch to Epsom.

Mick's Love, not presently quoted in the Derby exchanges, may yet take his chance at Epsom. He is pencilled in for the French equivalent but Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said: "A lot will depend on the ground. We have always felt Chantilly would suit him but if the ground is good at Epsom. he might go there."

Crisford's comments came after Classic Cliche, the St Leger winner, made a heartwarming return to action in the East Coast Yorkshire Cup. Displaying all his old enthusiasm. Classic Cliche edged out Strategic Choice to prevail on a surface faster than ideal. The frenzied gallop set by Grey Shot helped Classic Cliche to a track record under Kinane's

unsatisfactory nature of the urgings. This was Kinane's Dante, the first two home on seventh winner at a fixture seventh winner at a fixture where the full range of his skills has been evident.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

3.20 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (£4,620: 1m 61) (10)

5-2 Opaque, 3-1 Persian Smoke, 7-1 Fabilison, Bigve Patnarch, 8-1 Crested Kinght Green Land, 10-1 Amisige, 12-1 others.

(2) 140- RABICAN 213 (C.F.S) M Tompston 9-2... P Robinson (4) 6-30 WORLD PREMER 13 (F.G) C Britain 9-2... B Doyle (3) 41-3 ALL-ROYAL 27 (D.B.F.S) H Deal 8-12... W Ryan (5) 13- POLAR ECLIPS 202 (D.S) M Johnston 8-12 J Weaver (8) -521 PROJECTION 12 (20.F) 8 H85 8-12... Paul Editory (5) 4-13 RAMOUZ 14 (D.F.S) B Hashary 8-12... DOUBTRS (7) 0-12 TAWARDED 18 (CD.F) P Wahaya 8-7 ... R Hills (1) 3-1 WEST HAMSLE 18 (D.F) Lady Herres 8-7 ... D O'Shee

11-4 Cabuob, 4-1 Rebel County, 6-1 Bold Enough, 7-1 Lionel Edwards, Car 8-1 Snow Falcon, Eagle Carryon, 10-1 others.

O ANCIENT OLEST 10 N Cataghan 9-0 ... Paul Eddary —
234 ARRIEDA 10 C Britain 9-0 ... B Doyle 83
03 CHOCOLATE ICE 20 C Cyzer 9-0 ... G Duffield 87
00 PARROTS HILL 11 M Tomplons 9-0 ... P Robinson —
0 POMPIER 20 J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Carter —
6- PRIVATE AUDIENCE 223 H Ceal 9-0 ... W Ryan —

4-5 Proble Audience, 11-4 Arnhem, 5-1 Chocolute Ice, 8-1 Ancient Quest 12-1 Promoter, 16-1 Parcel's Hill

4.55 ASHLEY MAIDEN STAKES

5.25 TUDDENHAM LIMITED STAKES

(3-Y-0: £4,503: 1m 4f) (6)

(£4,503: 71) (9)

4.20 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,720: 1m) (11)

3.50 KING CHARLES II STAKES

(Listed race: 3-Y-0: £10,775: 7f) (8)

A speed battle in the early stages of the Duke Of York Stakes primed the contest for those inclined to pounce late. Venture Capitalist has few peers in this respect, and the seven-year-old conjured a determined late surge to deny Branston Abby and Royale Figurine in a thrilling scramble for the line.

Still more remarkable was the EBF Racing Channel Stakes for juveniles, in which the lead alternated among each of the five contestants First Andreyev, who hung left, and then Hawait, who ducked sharply right, looked likely to prevail. But Belgravia, the first to lead until shuffled back to last at halfway, finished strongly to triumph from Referendum. The latter was the only contestant to chart a straight passage.

Hanbury's colt shines on debut

TIPSY CREEK stamped himself a potentially useful juvenile with an impressive victory in the Warminster Maiden Stakes at Salisbury yesterday. Backed from 5-2 to 7-4, the Ben Hanburytrained newcomer, ridden by Willie Ryan, defeated Maserati Monk by 3½ lengths after taking the lead a furlong out.

"I hope he's Royal Ascot class as he's a very nice looking horse," Hanbury said of the \$90,000 son of Dayjur. "First he'll go for a listed race at the Curragh on Saturday week and, as long as he's all right, he'll then go to Ascot."

Alan Daly was banned for five days (May 25-30) after being adjudged guilty of irresponsible riding on Daily Risk, the clear winner of the Redenham Claiming Stakes at Salisbury yesterday. Daily Risk was disqualified and the race awarded to Flying Pennant. The stew-

Lorcan Wyer will miss the remainder of the National Hunt season after breaking a collar-bone in a fall from Briar's Delight in a steeplechase at Perth on Wednesday evening. Wyer, 31, hopes to return during the summer jumping term, which starts next month.

ards found that Daily Risk had interfered with the unplaced horses, Petite Annie, Lincoln Twenty One and Ciserano, shortly after the

Peter Chapple-Hyam was on the mark with Chief Contender in the Durnford Conditions Stakes. The Sadler's Wells colt still holds a Derby entry and could take his chance. "He travelled well throughout to-day." Robert Havlin, the winning rider, said.

Wendyll Woods rode his first turf winner for Geoff Wragg, the Newmarket trainer, when State Dancer opened her account in division one of the Netherhampton Maiden Fillies Stakes.

Sound Check emerged the winner of the Druids Handicap by a short head from Dancing Image after six horses were in with a chance inside the final furlong.

NEWMARKET STRATEORD THUNDERER 2.15 Open Credit. 2.50 Cyrano's Lad. 3.20 Opaque. 3.50 World Premier. 4.20 Cebwob. 4.55 Arnhem. 6.15 Sian Wyn, 6.45 Robero, 7.15 Rimouski, 7.45 General Crack, 8.15 Proud Sun, 8.45 Flying Gunner. Carl Evans: 8.15 Proud Sun.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND DITCH MAJDEN STAKES (2-Y-O litiles: £4,152: 6f) (4 runners) 6.15 SARAH SECCOMBE BIRTHDAY MARES ONLY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (\$2,227: 2m 110yd) (17 rungers) 2 OPEN CREDIT 11 (BP) H Casi 8-11. W Rysin BI
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1 1420 BUCKLEY BOYS 38F (6) Mrs & Williamson 5-11-5 ... T Kent
0 0 CHRSTER'S CHAT 185 M Ppp 7-10-12 ... C Maude
3 0EXD LEGATEE 27 (1) A Stream'S -10-12 ... T Eley
4 -2PP LENEY MOSS 11 (8) A Chambertain B-10-12 ... D Fivingson (7)
5 -8R-0 CRANCE EXTREME 80 W Cuty 5-10-12 ... Mr J Callony (3)
7 P-45 FARE PADDY 134 B Ratimeta 7-10-12 ... Mr J Callony (3)
8 5M SAKSBAH 11 J Picturiog 7-10-12 ... W Marston
9 2280 SHARP GAZELLE 8* B Smarl 6-10-12 ... W Marston
10 6002 SIAN WYN 4 (D.) K Busis 8-10-12 ... G Supple
11 3-4P STRAWBERSY FOOL 11 P Basiley 7-10-12 ... S Wyone
12 0 SWEET DISSINDER 13 H Methreus's 6-10-12 ... A Dowling (7)
13 -0P0 UP THE TEMPO 57 Paddy Farrell 7-10-12 ... R Greene
14 CALLING JAMAICA 97* M Ppp 4-10-7 ... B Johnson
16 0P RUPETT'S PRINCESS B (8) H Hayms 4-10-7 ... R Johnson
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18 Jamaica, 7-1 Sas Wyon, 8-1 Tambridge, Logates, 10-1 Suckley Boys. 2-5 Open Cresks, 4-1 Solleguetto, 7-1 Rich to Love, 8-1 Strate. 2.50 NGK SPARK PLUGS RATED HANDICAP (3) 4-06 SASEEDO 13 (C.F.G) W D'Gomman 6-8-5 8-4 Courageous Daccer, 3-1 Emerging Market, 7-2 Cyrano's Lad, 9-2 Saseedo, 8-1 Cranna, 10-1 Prima Cominta.

4-1 Cating Jamanta, 7-1 San Wyn, B-1 Tandridge, Legales, 18-1 Buckley Boys 12-1 Oceano Estratus, 14-1 others. 6.45 ICL NOVICES CHASE (£4,029: 2m 5f 110yd) (4) ANDICAP (£4,620: 1m 6J) (1U)
(3) 0-05 -BRANC PATRIANCH 20 (S) J Dunico 5-9-11 - 6 Cactor 96
(2) 02-0 -9 SREEN LAND 10 (F.6) S Williams 4-9-8 ... 8 Doyle 89
(6) -515 FABILION 15 (D.BF.(5) C South 4-9-8 ... R Hits 90
(7) 8-02 OPACILE 17 L CARRIST 4-8 - ... R Hits 90
(10) 0-04 CRESTED INNENT 18 C Horpes 4-9-13 ... Post Eddery 90
(4) DOBD ROCK GROUP 15 J Penze 4-9-6 ... 6 Berdwel 97
(7) 3503 C CHARLE BOTTME 15 (F.6) R Harts 6-9-1 ... A Mackay 95
(9) 24-5 AMARGE 11 (F) M Broson 6-9-1 ... D Wright (5) 90
(1) 00-6 MR CHRISTE 11 MES L Stadd 4-7-12 ... N Carristo 97
(1) 00-1 PERSIAN SMOKE 7 (D.P) A Hide 5-7-10 (4ec)
Martin Dayle (5) (6) 1 2152 HERBERT BUCHANAN 10 (BF.F) P Nichols 5-11-10 A P McCoy 2 F38U FLMSY TRUTH 37 (6) M Waston 10-11-0 ... Mr M Hams 3 PPEF RANDHECK 11 M Campion 5-10-7 ... J Raillon 4 6503 ROBERO 11 (V) Mrs J Peman 5-10-7 ... W Marston 10-11 Herbert Bucktaren, 7-2 Filmsy Trath, 4-1 Robert, 5-1 Raincheck. 7.15 PERTEMPS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,444: 3m 3f) (10) (22,444: SITI SI) (10)

1 43211 MARIMERS MARROR 27 (6,5) N Terriston-Davies 9-11-10

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2 9090 VICTOR BRAVO 37 (B.C.F.,6) N Gassies 9-11-8. C Lievrellyn
3 P333 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 37 (F.G.S) C Barnett 10-11-6. A P McCoy
4 548- CUSHALLAINS EOLD 384 (F.5) J White 8-11-4. R Greene
5 9555 PRINCISKI 13 (6) B Carnistique 8-11-3. Mr J Carnistique
6 2239 ARTHMANN 10 (V.BF) M Pige 6-11-0. D Bridgetater
7 0405 I'M T08Y 10 (8,6) A Foster 9-10-5. Mr J Carlotty (3)
8 0064 VSCOUNT ILLLY 95 (5) C Jackson 11-10-3. W Hamphreys
9 -006 BADRAKHANE 27 (6,5) C Nach 10-10-2. J P Not TO B800 GBT 13 (6,5) J Hamman 8-10-0. J Prior (7)
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7.45 TOM PETTIFER HANDICAP CHASE (£5,183: 3m) (6) 1 622F WISE APPROACH 13 (C.D.F.G.S) K Baley 9-11-13 . J Raillon 2 -61P DOMNA DEL LAGO 13 (B.D.F) & McCourt 10-10-13 . S Bradley 3 5200 LAKE MISSION 27 (G) Mr. J Patras 11-10-11 . . . W Marston 4 1F11 GENERAL CRACK 10 (F.G.S) P Nichols 7-10-5 (Seq. 4 1F71 BENEZUAL CIARCA TO (F.S.,S.) F MICROUS F-10-3 (620)
5 U40P TPP MARRIER 24 (D.G.S.) S Stervicot 11-10-3... C Llesvellyn
6 -1F3 BKG BEIN DURI 20 (CD,F,B,S) C Brooks 10-10-1 J F Tibby ?-4 General Crack, 5-2 Wise Approach, 9-2 Big Ben Don, 6-1 Donna Del Lago. 10-1 Lake Mission, 16-1 Tipp Manner 8.15 UK PETROLEUM HUNTERS

CHASE (Amateurs: £2,178: 3m) (10) 4-9 Proud Son, 6-1 King's Treasure, 12-1 Rochester Charten, 14-1 Jumbises 20-1 Indoor Knight, 25-1 others.

8,45 EDWARDS ROVER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,248: 2m 6f 110yd) (15) HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (\$3,248; 2m 6) 110;

1 2512 TMR 60,25 J Jankos 6-11-12;

2 -8-1 POLITICAL PARTO 10 (8) 9 (4 Acc 5-11-6;

3 6000 AH THERE YOU ARE 20 V Soley 7-11-6;

4 0-0 BROOMHILL BOY 127 Mrs. 3 Parties 1-11-5;

5 000 CAULIAN 20 BASH HARGH 5-11-3;

6 3673 FLYMS GUIRRER 3-6 9 Inchestion 3-11-6;

7 -500 REDYS BOY 129 J Writer 6-11-6;

3 HINTING LORE 34 10 horistomic 5-11-6;

9 0-00 CUTTELLORE 250 Mrs. 6 Fractic 6-11-6;

10 00 BOYALE CAUSEROU 74 (11-7 Sept 5-11-5);

11 -600 FLOREIN 13 C Start 6-11-3;

12 -600 G FROUC 20 Mrs. 1 (2 Parties 5-10-3);

13 PS LOVELARK 11 R Let 7-10-3;

14 00SP TORBI GWYNT 14 Lin 1, Magaziny 6-10-3;

15 00 HAYS LOOGE 9 C Barres 6-10-1. (4,503: 71) (9)

(5) 214- BLOCKADE 251 (CD,F.B.S) M Bell 7-8-11. M Fenton 89 (6) 604- DONTFORSET WSIGHT 13/ (D,G) C Bronks 5-8-11

Paul Eddery 88 (6) 600- EASY JET 216 Lord Huntengdon 4-8-11 J Weaver 93 (7) 61-5 JIEEREEM 43 (D,G.S) P Hoding 4-8-11 J Bovie 92 (2) 3304 MANABAR 14 (6) M Polytzce 4-8-11 Cariste 80 (4) 225- SHAPPICAL 252 (f) M Prescot 4-8-11 G Doffred 90 (1) 42-2 THE STASER 24 (D,F) J Jeskons 4-8-11 A Daty (5) (9) -500 WILD PALM 16 (B,S) W O'Gorreso 4-8-11 7-4 Humbrig Lone, 7-2 Polytical Panto, 9-3 Figure, Submer: 3-1 Turn, 20-1 Brownood: Boy, An There You Are, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: P Micholis, 4 womens from 13 namers, 50 8%, 16 Pape, 26 Iran 93, 26 3%, D Micholson, 14 from 61, 23 0%, C Barwell 4 from 20, 30 0%, K Bailey, 14 from 73, 19 2%, If Gazeles, 4 from 71, 19 0%, JOCKEYS: S Wymer, 8 winners from 23 notes, 34 8%, R Johnson, 5 from 23, 21 7%, C Unwellyn, 15 from 71, 21 1%, F P McCoy, 9 from 51, 17 6%, G Bradley, 5 from 30, 16 7%, T Etg., 5 from 32, 15 6%.

TRAINERS: H Cecil. 57 winners from 255 namers, 22.4%; P Wahryn, 13 kom 80, 16.3%; Moss I. Siddell, 7 from 43, 16.3%; P Cole. 27 from 186, 14.5%; D Modey, 7 kom 53, 13.2%, C Horgan, 3 from 23, 13.0%, JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 20 winners from 153 rides, 13.1%, J Stack, 5 from 41, 12.2%, R Hills, 23 from 230, 10.0%, Only qualifiers. * THIRSK THUNDERER 2.00 Islay Brown. 2.30 Bold Angel. 3.00 It's Academic, 3.30 Uncle Doug. 4.00 Anchorena. 4.30 Dawna. 5.00 Ninety-Five. 5.30 Broctune Gold.

88 (3) 360- ARDNIGHT SPELL 233 J Halls 4-8-8 M Henry (5) 86

3-1 Blockade, 4-1 The Stager, 9-2 Easy Jel, Sharpical, 7-1 Jibereen, 8-1 Manazar, 10-1 Dordorget Insight, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS 2.00 EASINGWOLD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,188: 1m) (9 runners) 1 040 BOLIM (ACOB 31 F Estatory 9-0 T Williams A
2 -200 SEA DANZIG 17 P Housing 9-0 K Darley 9
3 05-6 ALREEN 17 J Garden 9-1 J Gardel 6
4 05-0 ANDTHES OWNERTER 17 S Woods 8-11 W Woods 7
5 222- BOLIM DOROTHY 321 1 Eastery 8-11 M Serch 8
6 04-5 CARBEERAN DARCER 22 M Stands 8-17 D McKensen 3
7 0-00 SELAY BROWN 11 (8) W Besty 8-11 P Fessery (5) 1
8 05-4 SHADY GRIL 28 I Hist 8-11 J J D Smith (5) 9
9 3-00 TIME OF NIGHT 17 R Guest 8-11 L Charmock 5 7-1 Caribbean Dancer, 5-2 Altests, 5-1 Time Of Alight, 7-1 Sex Dancing, 8-1 Boffat Dorolby, Shady Girl, 10-1 others.

2.30 MOWBRAY SELLING STAKES (DIV E £1,970:71) (9) V L S1,970: 71) (9)

1 205- BOLD ANGEL 211 (CD.F.G.S) K Margan 9-9-7 ... J Fortune 9

2 0-00 LANCASHRE LEFE 7 (6) E Akton 5-9-7 S D Williams 5

3 210- LUNCH PARTY 285 (D.F) D Micholix 4-9-7 Alax Graves 8

4 00-0 MOVE SMARTLY 39 (D.F) Eue 6-9-7 K Darley 3

5 0000 SOUTH-ERN DOMINION 35 (6) C Allen 4-9-7 C Hodgson 7

6 -860 LITHE SPRIT 45 J A Hartis 4-9-2 T 6 McLasophin 4

7 00-0 PRIM LASS 23 Miss J Boner 5-9-2 A McGloor 6

8 050- LAWRSSWOOD CAPTAIN 199 R Holbinshead 3-8-10

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9 2401 MELS BABY 8 J Eyre 3-8-10 N Variey (3) 1 2-1 Bold Angel, 5-1 Lancashire Life, Lunch Party, 6-1 More Smartly, 8-1 others. 3.00 DICK PEACOCK SPRINT HANDICAP (£4,471: 61) (16)

[\$4,471: 67] (16)

1 0000 BEHZOE 10 (CDF,5) Mits J Remoder 6-10-0 ... J Fortune 4
2 00-0 NEO'S BOMANZA 13 (CDF,6) M Dods 7-9-12 ... J Carrol 10
3 -200 IT'S ACADEMIC 13 (D.F,6.3) Mits J Remoder 4-9-12 ... K Failon 18
4 2240 PLIM FRST 18 (CDF,6.5) L 1st 9-12 mars 6-9-10 ... J Fanning 15
5 4000 SHADOW JURY 27 (B.U.F,6.3) L Dougram 6-9-8 ... Chamack 11
6 1100 SO AMAZINE 35 (EF,6.3) Line 4-9-8 ... J Chamac 11
6 1100 SO AMAZINE 35 (EF,6.3) Line 4-9-8 ... J Chamac 11
6 1100 SO AMAZINE 35 (EF,6.3) Line 4-9-8 ... J Reports 9
8 59-0 SULK CUTTAKE 13 R Window 4-9-6 ... M Collins 8
10 -000 RAMESEY HOPE 50 (D.F) C Fathours 3-9-3 ... N Kennedy 8
11 0345 SSR TASKER 15 (CDF,6.3) L Hames 8-9-13 ... N Kennedy 8
11 0345 SSR TASKER 15 (CDF,6.3) L Hames 8-9-13 ... N Kennedy 8
12 04-00 RAMESEY HOPE 50 (D.F.6.3) Mits L Stabill 6-9-12 ... A McGione 13
13 4000 MADARD 105 (B.F.6.3) Storety 7-8-9 ... C Teague (5) 14
14 00-0 RECKLES KELLY 8 (5) L Eschoty 4-8-3 ... T Williams 7
15 0-06 TUTU SECTYSKY 7 (F,6.2 Enchs 5-7-10 ... Kom Tindien 12
16 0003 SALLYOREALY 11 W Storey 5-7-10 ... Fresky (5) 2
4-1 Almesi, 5-1 Daswe, 7-1 Bergoe, K's Academic, Neo's Bonema, 10-1 others. 4-1 Almasi, 5-1 Dezere, 7-1 Bergoe, It's Academic, Ned's Bonenza, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 23 numers, 39.1%; C Wall, 3 from 9, 33.3%; S Woods, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Carractio, 6 from 20, 30%; B Hufs, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M Stoute, 7 from 31, 22.6%; J D Smith, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.5%; W Woods, 3 from 14, 21.4%; A Welsine, 4 from 27, 14.6%; D McKeown, 13 from 95, 13.7%; K Falkon, 12 from 95, 12.6%; N Carnorlon, 9 from 77, 11.7%. 3.30 HELMSLEY HANDICAP (£5,312: 2m) (5) 1 2-00 SEA WICTOR 6 (V.D.F.G) / Liters 4-9-10 ... / F Egan 4 2 1100 LEAR DANCER 21 (V.D.F.G) P Mitchell 5-9-2 ... A Clark 3 3 30-2 GREAT ERSERY 20 W Storey 6-8-5 ... / J Clark 3 4 13-0 WARF PROVE 6 (D.F.S.S) N Tricker 9-8-3 ... L Charmock 5 0-06 UNICLE DOUG 17 (D.S) Mrs M Reveley 5-7-13 ... J Farming 2 4-5 Great Easeby, 5-2 Sea Victor, 6-1 Lincle Doug, 8-1 Lear Dancer, Vain Prince 4.00 STATION ROAD CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,868: 1m 4f) (15) ?-1 Loveyoumilhons, 7-2 Laivium, 5-1 Anchorena, 8-1 Sheraz, Eide Bilas, 10-1 Salkarjinu, 12-1 gilhers.

4.30 GORDON FOSTER MAIDEN STAKES (£3,925: 1m) (8) 22 CHEF BIRUNDI 567 L Current 4-9-10 K Darley 5
(NOTTY HELL R Crape: 4-9-10 J Carroll 6
00- HIGHFIELD PET 200 C Fathurst 3-8-12 D Mickeown 4
00 RICCARTON 29 P Cabre 3-8-12 M Brinty 7
00 BRIENT PET 10 Mrs 3 Sneth 3-8-7 N Commotion 8
2 DAWNM 17 ET 10 Mrs 3 Sneth 3-8-7 A Mickeone 2
3 LACHESS 256 R Molechaeut 3-8-7 D Griffier (5) I
TABL H Thorson Jones 3-8-7 K Fallon 3 6-4 Dawns, 7-4 Chief Burundi, 6-1 Tabl., 14-1 Highlield Pet. 20-1 others 5.00 KILBURN HANDICAP

(£3,964: 5f) (11)

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1 0-30 HERE COMES A STAR 13 (C.D.F.G) J Carr 8-10-0 A Cultane 6

2 080- TUSCAN DAWN 272 (CD.G.S) J Berry 6-9-12 P Roberts (5) 7

3 0060 MSDDER TRADER 2 (D.F.G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-11 K Fallon 1

4 0524 SUPPER ROCKY 11 (D.F.G) Residmen 7-9-18 H Bestiman 7-9 8

5 0111 JUST 808 7 (C.D.F.G.S) S Ketferel 7-9-7 (7es) J Fordure 8

6 06-0 WWORUSH BOY 7 (D.F. J Besterel 7-9-7 (7es) J Fordure 8

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7 80-3 MWETY-FYE 8 J Fitzgrand 4-8-13 ... T Aves 10

8 -022 PERFECT BRAVE 15 (F.J.) J Batting 5-8-12 ... J Edmands (7) 9

9 -005 JUST DESSIDENT 11 (V.F.) R Whater 4-8-10 ... D McManown 11

10 5003 KALAR 13 (B.C.D.F.S) D Chapman 7-8-1 ... L Chamicots 3

11 8-20 ARLE SHEWET 13 (B.D.F) W W Easterly 4-8-0 Date Bitson 4

1 Store Rocks 5-1 Minest-New Hoster Parker 6-1 has 50th 8-1 Texter Throm 4-1 Super Rodey, 5-1 Minery-Time, Insister Trader, 6-1 Just Bob. 8-1 Tustam Dawn, Kalar, 10-1 Partect Brave, 12-1 others.

5.30 MOWBRAY SELLING STAKES (Div II; £1,953; 71) (9)

5-4 Broctume Gold, 3-1 My Godson, 7-1 Talitulats Belle, Mossley Zanty, 8-1 offices

Sacrament takes French prize

Michael Stoute and ridden by Prix Jean de Chaudenay at up more place prize-money Deauville yesterday. The Clive when Henry The Fifth took Brittain-trained Punishment third behind the odds-on facompleted a British one-two. Sent off at 16-10 in a field of group three Prix la Force.

SACRAMENT, trained by four, Sacrament hit the front with a quarter of a mile to race Olivier Peslier, won his first and held the late challenge of race since the 1994 Great Volti-guer Stakes in the group two Brittain had earlier picked

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Derby's secrets. This colt must Argon Laser, a Kris mare who NEWBURY

2.00 DILAZAR (nap) 2.40 Nightbird

3.40 Select Few

4.10 Watch Me 4.40 My Learned Friend The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 GROUND GAME.

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mentioned in Domesday Book. Requires modern-

isation. Suit school or institu-

Bisham Abbey is a national

sports centre. So decrepit that

you wonder how it keeps going, which is what has been said about the England football team spending a week

Once upon a time, football

was about 11 men who, in the course of 90 minutes, tried to

kick the ball into their oppo-

nents' goal more often than the opponents did this to them. No more. Football at the highest

level has ceased to be sport. has become a socio-economic,

media-grabbing, merchandis-ing industry with by-products

The European championship, the next big international

that extend much further.

tion. Extensive grounds."

Amaz

broadcasters, photographers and cameramen, agents, girls on work experience, boys wanting autographs and a couple who had entered the Burger King competition and been declared winners of the prize: to witness a training session and attend the Engation." I went to the pub. It land v Hungary match at but Venables, looking fit and Glenn Hoddle: what help was was full of fellow hacks prov- Wembley tomorrow. I asked well, and showed that he was Venables giving his successor?

swift renewal of membership

of the FA Carling Premier-

ship, from which they were

relegated last season, is now

possible but Bassett will need

a change of fortune from his

last trip to Wembley in April 1993. He guided Sheffield Uni-

ted into the FA Cup semi-

finals. but they lost 2-1 to

Twenty years earlier, as a

non-League midfield player,

he experienced more pleasant

emotions. He helped Walton

and Hersham to a 1-0 win over

Slough Town in the FA Ama-

Sheffield Wednesday.

teur Cup Final.

Bassett banking on winning return lost only four of 22 matches. A have a couple of days off and promotion place because of then get ourselves going again," Bassett said, in the afterglow of the victory over Charlton. "We've got to Wernbley; now we've got to make sure we finish the job."

Leicester also changed managers in mid-season, with Martin O'Neill replacing Mark McGhee, and they are also on course to regain their Premiership status, having also descended last year. A goal from Parker was enough to see off Stoke City in their semi-final.

In the second division playoffs, Blackpool - having al-"We'll savour the moment, ready let slip an automatic

> opponent to reach the semi-finals. In the lightweights, Diane Bell, a gold medal-winner at the 1988 Olympics when women's judo was a demonstration sport, also has a chance of another European title. Bell, 32, from Crawcrook, Tyne and Wear, threw Susana Singer, of Germany. and then strangled Cinzi Cavazutti, the

peated their 2-1 first-leg win to despatch Hereford United 4-2. Rogers throws down the gauntlet championships. Howey cleanly threw her

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

Sestinas were invented by the Provençal troubadour Arnaut Daniel (13th century). Dante and Petrarch composed them in Italy, Cervantes and Camoens in Iberia. An early use in English was by Drummond of Hawthornden. BERCHTA

degraded into a bogy to frighten children. **HYADES**

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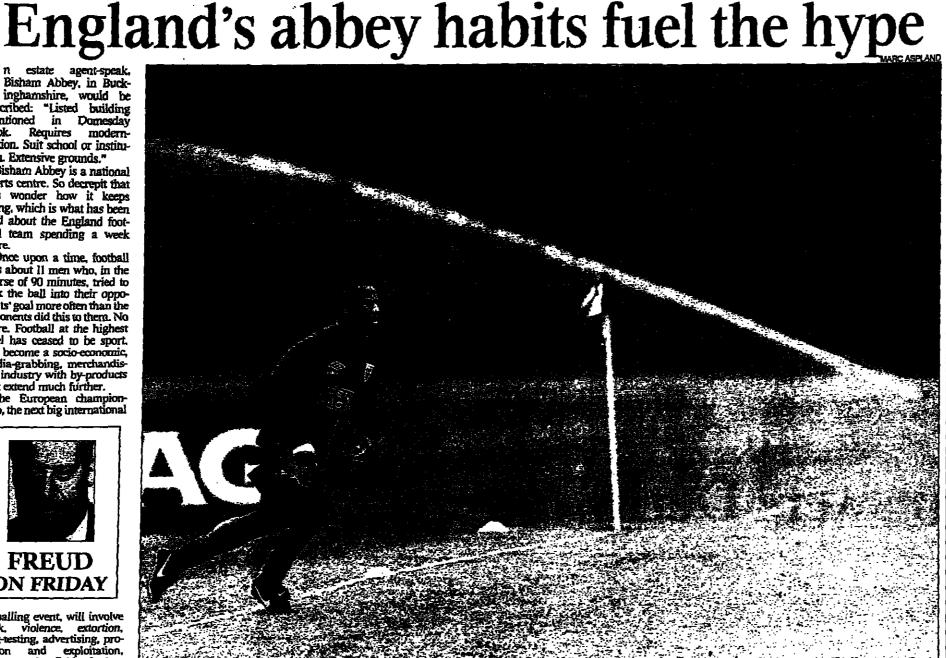
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Press gang ushered from pub to pitch before audience with Venables

An isolated Les Ferdinand goes against the flow during the England's quad's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday in charge with nicely timed

ON FRIDAY footballing event, will involve drink, violence, extortion, drug-testing, advertising, promotion and exploitation, while, on the field of play. nation shall breathe hatred unto nation. Independent arbiters gain renown by waving yellow and red cards and as many people will bet on the results as will go to the games;

Hype is important. Without hype there are those who might not watch or go or bet or buy the T-shirts and that will not do at all; as a consequence, the media is given a daily period of access to the men at Bisham Abbey, and yesterday

huge numbers will watch the

morning I went. The hamlet of Bisham lies between Maidenhead and High Wycombe: the abbey has a handsome drive with a fairly handsome guardian announcing: "You can't come in; not yet, but if you go to the pub down the road they will give you coffee with the compliments of the Football Associ-

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN Dave Bassett leads

out Crystal Palace at Wembley

on May 27, in the Endsleigh

Insurance League first divi-

sion play-off final against

Leicester City, it will be his

third visit as a player or

Bassett's return trip was

guaranteed on Wednesday

night, when Palace beat Charlton Athletic 1-0 in the

semi-final second leg at

Selhurst Park. It completed a

3-1 aggregate victory and con-

firmed Palace's remarkable

turnaround since Bassett arri-

ved in February. They have

manager.

as a free coffee. At 11.25, we returned to the gates, where there must have been 40 vehicles awaiting admission; as an event, this had all the signs of a fairly successful car boot sale. An appropriately dressed media overseer was speaking into her mobile tele-

phone, but explained that we would be allowed in as soon as Mr Venables gave the nod. We waited. We were the usual suspects of writers and

ing that there is such a thing

how they had achieved victory. They had correctly answered the three questions and their names been drawn from the ali correct respondents. I could have answered the first two questions: who cap-

tained England in 1953 and who is England's most prolific too, had identified Wright and Bobby

Chariton, but also knew the ingredients of a Whopper.

The England squad of about 30 was kicking footballs about on a pitch that was encircled by hoardings for Green Flag. Umbro, Snickers, Burger King and Coca-Cola. There seemed to be no particular theme to the training session

shouts of "Come on" and Keep on that way". At around noon, the players

adjourned and Venables led the way to the abbey, where interviews were to take place.

Ten minutes were allotted for television, a similar period of There were all the signs of a

time for radio, then journal-

ists. Each in a separate room.

though each asking the same

questions and receiving the

same answers ... among

which "Steve Howey's 'ad a

'amstring 'n done his calf"

stood out. The hot subject was

poor end-of-season form, sur-

rendered a 2-0 first-leg lead

over Bradford City in the return at Bloomfield Road.

Bradford's 3-0 win earned

them a place in the final on

May 26. They will play Notts County, whose 1-0 success

against Crewe Alexandra

edged them through 3-2 on

In the third division decider

on May 25, Plymouth Argyle

will meet Darlington. Plym-

outh beat Colchester United

3-1 on Wednesday, and 3-2

overall, while Darlington re-

cup of coffee in his

fairly successful car boot sale' photographed holding a cup of coffee? He is diplomatic about the final 22 players - "not

Venables fielded these inqui-

The Euro competition is

me. Then the World Cup is

him. He'll have plenty of time.

He'll find managing England

for four years is long enough

and he'll get all the help he

Venables holds a

ries adroitly.

right blend of experience and youth, always bearing in mind the need to provide cover for

Are you pleased with the

right hand to promote the image of sobriety and quirky dependability. Who else gets

necessarily the best 22 but the

progress of the players?

He is pleased. If you had to name 22 players now, could you? Of course I could. (So could

we all.) His patience is exemplary and he makes a joke ... I did not actually hear this as I was talking to the Burger King winners ... but people laughed. The mood is good. Venables says: "Those who are

not going to be picked for the squad will realise they have had a terrific experience; being on the verge of selection stands them in good stead." It is time to go. The England team manager is lunching at the Compleat Angler, which used to be, may still be, a

classy restaurant. From the abbey kitchens comes the unmistakable smell of boiled greens. Our players will feel really at home in China.

(b) A set form of poem, usually rhymed, with six stanzas of six lines each and a final triplet. The terminal words of stanzas 2 to 6 are the same as those of stanza I but arranged differently.

(a) A goddess of South German mythology akin to the Hulda of North Germany. After the introduction of Christianity she was

(c) Seven nymphs, daughters of Atlas and Pleione, placed among the stars, in the constellation Taurus. They threaten rain when they rise with the sun. The fable is that they wept at the death of their brother Hyas so bitterly that Zeus out of compassion took them to Heaven.

(b) More correctly, Haringtons. Farthings. So called from John, first Baron Harington (d. 1613), to whom James I granted a patent (1613) for making these coins of brass. The patent was stopped in 1643, having finally passed to Lord Maltravers. Ben Jonson, The Devil is an Ass, II, i: "I will not bate a Harrington of

not cope with Rogers's penetrative at-tacks. Rogers will meet Johanna Hagn, of Rogers, 19, from Manchester, led the Germany, for a place in the final. Kate Howey, third at the 1972 Olym-

Olympic Games, caused the biggest upset at the European judo championships in The Hague yesterday by defeating Beate Maksymow, a 120kg Pole (John

MICHELLE ROGERS, battling to qualify as Great Britain's heavyweight for the

charge of three British women into the semi-finals, which will be held on Saturday, by throwing Maksymow three

times, on one occasion dislocating the Pole's finger.

Maksymow, third at the past two European championships, may have outweighed the 80kg Briton but she could

pics, got her revenge over Teya Beliateva, of Ukraine, who had beaten the Andover

Italian, into submission.

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-RADIO CHOICE

Bard times on the piers

I have been hopelessly addicted to the British pier ever since, as a lad. I witnessed an all-dancing, all-singing Shylock in a musical burlesque of The Merchant of Venice in an end-of-the-pier pavilion in Blackpool, So, when Gavin Henderson, president of the National Piers Society, presents his ported history of seaside entertainment tonight, he is preaching to one of the converted. He makes an invigorating and revelatory historian of popular culture. Among the facts about piers that I had not heard before are that the young Malcolm Sargent began his conducting career on Llandudno pier, and that travelling thespians would perform as many as eight different [and non-musical] Shakespeare plays in some pier theatres.

Picasso's Women: Dora. Radio 3, 9.15pm.

First Olga, then Fernande and Marie Therese. And now, Dora, It is with this brainy painter and photographer that Brian McAvera ends his re-creation of four women used, and often abused, by the phenomenon called Picasso. These monologues have made riveting listening. They have given rare opportunities for verbal portraiture to incrementary in the state of the deep passions he stirred in them. stirred in them.

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5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair Incl 12.35pm Moneycheck with Katie Derham 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at 7.20 Friday Sport Rugby League. Warrington v St Helens; Motor racing: the build up to the Monaco Grand Prix. Football: a preview of the Scottish Cup. Final Tennis the quarter-finals of the Italian Open 9.36 Sports Shop 10.05 Paper Talk 11.00 Night Edira 12.05am Atter Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO 6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chis-holm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Torrmy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike Dickin All times in BST. 5.00am News 5.30

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4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Ketly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jogo 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Robin Banks

6.00am On Air includes Bizet (Symphory in C); Mozart (String Culntet in E flat, K614); Chausson (Wisana); Ockeghern (Salve Regina); Vivald (Concerto in D minor, On 8 No 9); Vannham Op 8 No 9); Vaughan Williams (Towards the Unknown Region)

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9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambaccini. Egar (Overture: In the South

Alassio); Tohalkovsky (May, The Seasons); Puccini (Crisariemi); Haydh (Symphony No 87 in A) 10.00 Musical Encounters, Mozart (Divertimento In B flat, K270); Schubert (Sonata in C minor, D958) 10.45 Artists of the Week: London Saroque, Bach (Cantata No 199: Metn

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11.10 Dvořák (Heroic Song); C.P.E. Bach (Sonata in D. Wq 137) Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Walzer; Three Romances, Op 11; Three Partsongs (1848); Piano Concerto in A minor 1,00pm St David's Half Lunchtime Recital. Rebecca

Evans, soprano, Neal Davies baritone, Cerlo Rizzi, piano. bartione, Caro Hizzi, piano. Includes Handel (Gu nel Tartarei); Purcell (Sweeter than Roses, Pausartias); Purcell arr Britten (When Myra Sings); Purcell (Ye twice ten-hundred detities, The Indian Queen): Schumenn (Liebeslied, Op 51 No 5); Schubert (Oer Wanderer, D489c); Mendelssohn (Abendlied); Strauss (Zueignung Allerseelen Breit über mein Haupt): Bellini

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Almeri se non poss'io; Par pieta, bell'idol mio; Ma rendi pur contento, Ariette da camera); Gershwin (Bess, you is my woman now, Porgy and ols Let's Make a Story

2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corn 3.00 Mining the Archive. Fiona Talkington introduces a profile of the horn player Dennis Brain, including recordings he made for the BBC 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune, includes Vaughan

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Williams (Let Beauty Ayeke, Songs of Travel): Debussy (L'Isle joyeuse): Sibelus (Pohlola's Daughter) 7.30 The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under

David Atherton, with Martin Roscoe, piano, Berlioz (Overture: Le Corsaire); Messiaan (Un sounre); Ravel (Plano Concerto in G); Berlioz

(Symphonie lantastique) 9.15 Picasso's Women — Dora. ee Choice (4/4) See Choice (4/4)
10.00 Hear and Now. Includes performances by Ortwin Sturmer, plano, Christopher Redgate, oboe, Michael Bach, cello, the Arditti Quartet

Bach, cello, the Arditti Quartet and Apartment House. Including music by Heimut Lachenmann, Nicotaus Huber and Oleter Schnebel

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Nielsen (r)

1.00am Through the Night. Includes Pertl (Gesu al sepolato) 2.45 Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra with works by Bartok, Rachmaninov and Strauss

4.55 Magnificats and motets

RADIO 4 5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, Weather 6.10 Faming 1 oday 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day

7.20 Pick of the Week with Chris Sene 8.05 Any Quastions? Jonathen Ombleby chairs a topical debate from the University of

7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament
8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs Hugh Laurie talks to
Sue Lawley (r)
9.45 Feedback with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Baltad of the
Sad Cafes (FM only) (3/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Scept'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour immoduced
by Sarah Dunant
11.30 The Natural History
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12.55pm Weather 1.00 The World at One with Nick 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial:
Marriage by Susan Ferrier,
dramatised by Patricia

Harnan (3/3) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News; 4.05 Katedoscope.
Paul Gambacchi views a
collection of Derek Jarman's
paritings and sees Tim
Albary's debut at Stratfordupon-Avon as he directs
Marhath

Macbeth
4.45 Short Story: Mr Osale's
Rolled-Gold Fish and Chip
Shop by Vincent McInemey
Read by Richard Tate. (f) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weaths

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places presented by David Statford 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

debate from the University of East London in Depenham, with Angela Browning MP, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Frank Dobson MP, shadow

Secretary of State for the Environment and London; the Rt Rev Richard Harries,
Bishop of Oxford; and Dercus
Howe, journalist and
broadcaster
8.50 Law in Action. Marcel Berlins

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launches a new series with an
investigation of Britain's small
claims courts
9.15 Latter from America by
Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature;
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10.00 The World Tonight with
Robin Lusting

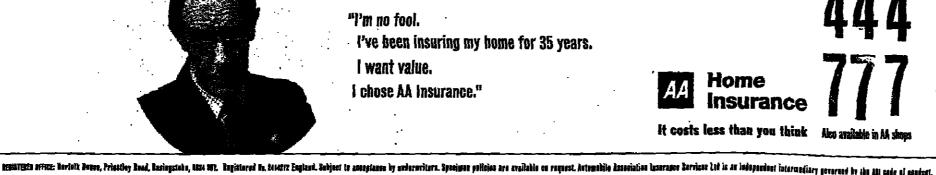
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin by Joanna Trollope. Read by Robin Ellis (5/10) 11.00 Week Ending. Sally Grace. Toby Longworth and the team take a sideways look at the week's news. 11.25 Tea Junction Patrick Hannan and his nueste take a estituted look

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Comings and goings and questions of guilt

T find BBCl's Airport is grow- enter her soul. Twice her flight was scent and alarm clocks still warm ing addictive. It is not exactly witty, but it tells good stories week after week, and puts us on useful first-name terms with Heathrow ground staff if ever we happen to meet them. "Hi Garth!" we will say, as we pass through customs. "Hi Cath!" The trick, so far, is to select personnel who are grimly cheerful in adversity - who take nothing personally, least of all the justified whinges of passen-gers. Down-to-earth is the phrase. Appropriate enough for workers whose feet never leave the ground. Last night's star was Viv, chirpy flight dispatcher, whose job was to meet a British Midland flight from

Amsterdam and prepare it for

take-off in 20 minutes. Viv had

fong curly hair in a tight pony-tail;

she referred to her colleagues as

"Sweet" (as in the kindly observa-

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rescheduled, but the failure in no way marred her good spirits. She efficiently located two lost passengers ("12A and 12B"), who had wandered off, and it was actually quite exciting Everyday human dramas of this

sort, when well directed, make perfect television. Press photographer Dennis greeted his quota of celebrities, notably Paul Mc-Cartney: and he also made a fuss of Maurice Gibb and Lord Runcie. the former Archbishop of Canterbury. On both these occasions, he explained afterwards that he only snapped their pictures out of kindness; obviously they had no news value. "One hesitates to use the word 'has-been'," he mused. watching the receding back of the former Primate of All England.

Does Airport help us to understand how Heathrow runs? A baggage-handler once invited me to a car-boot sale of underwear,

from the suitcase, a scene that seems unlikely to arise in the course of this upbeat series. But we are promised next week that Garth, in customs, will finally strike lucky with a drugs bust. The only problem with Airport is that it was presumably filmed last year, but we don't know when. Thus, when Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley made an appearance, was this Before? Or After? Or Ages After? I think we should be rold.

quiet, unsensational documentary from Channel 4's Witness last night asked what part was played in the Rwanda atrocities by the Roman Catholic Church. The fact that in 1994 thousands of Tutsi people were massacred inside church buildings, and that priests and nuns were said to be involved pointed to complicity, if not something much worse. Tutsi guerrillas

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

killed four bishops and an archbishop in reprisals, and presumably they had a good reason. Journalistically, Rwanda: the Betrayal was hardly strident. In fact it was quite uncertain. But the presenter, Lindsey Hilsum, who knows the country well, perhaps understood better than to leap to simple conclusions. "Not all Hutus are killers," she said: "and not all Tutsis are telling the truth." Rwan-

in which the Archbishop of Ruhengeri exhorts people to forget the past and move on. "We must bury it," he told Hilsum - a chilling choice of words, given the famous images we've seen of massacred Tutsis deliberately left unburied as a simple and brutal witness to fact.

Hilsum's compassion for the individual stories of bereaved Tutsis meant that the human dimension made more impact in Rwanda: the Betraval than any indictment of the Church. A nun remembered watching killings, which she described as "extremely banal, like killing rats". If people stood by and watched, however, Hilsum could understand. Having herself been present at the time of the massacres, she could testify to her own failure of courage, which was helpful. Nobody dared protect the Tutsi. "If they found you harbouring your friend, they

she explained. At the end, she said: The punishment for survival is having to live."

uestions of guilt and innocence are rather simpler in EastEnders (BBC1), especially where the Walford One is concerned. For many months now the viewer has waited in strangling frustration and weary disbelief for Willy Roper's comeuppance; in fact a full six months ago my niece told me with startling equanimity that if Willy Roper were to come into her living room, she would kill him. But it's always the way with big build-ups. Now Willy is finally nailed as a cheat and a liar, it's like the week after Christmas. The big scene between Arthur and his old chum — "So it was you! You watched them take me away!"- took place on a windy street corner, just to underline how bathetic it was. Meanwhile, Mark

about Willy for months) keeps smirking smugly: not an attractive

I feel terribly jerked around by the reappearance of Arthur. We have already had the reappearance of Frank Butcher to contend with, and it's like watching revenants sitting down to dinner with the quick - it breaks through the tabric of soap opera reality. But at the same time, the writers of EastEnders know what they are doing, and I applaud the realistic current storyline about Phil's disgruntled daddyhood, as Kathy grows ever more besotted and Madonna-ish, and Uncle Grant gets so soppy above the cradle that his eyes cross. Phil's voice is so deep and husky at present that it hardly registers at all; meanwhile, close observation reveals that his right arm has been replaced by a false one, bent at the elbow, with a pint glass welded into the end.

BEC 65415) Business Breakfast 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (34036) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax and signing) (4362659) 9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7468920) 9,45 Kilroy (s) (6792562)

10.30 Good Morning (s) (12104) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1778630) 12.05om Call My Bluff (5910562) 12.35 Going for Gold (s) (4400982) 1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (37123)

1,30 Regional News and weather (62697456) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69125369) 2.00 Banacek (Ceefax) (3905494) N.L.: 2.00 The Balmoral Show 2.40 Family Farm

3.10 Felix the Cat (r) (s) (7662479) 3.30 Playdays (r) (2437901) 3.50 Monster Cafe (r) (s) (5285415) 4.05 Casper Classics (r) (s) (6439814) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceefax) (s) (5706562) 4.35 Clarissa Explains It All (r) (Cestax) (s) (2733746) 5.00 Newsround (Cestax) (7192678) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (6034185)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceeiax) (s) (365562) 6.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (807) . 6.30 Regional news magazines (369) 7,00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the meshow where the contestants know geneshow where the control of the answers before the questions (Ceefax) (s) (355678) WALES: 7.00

7.30 Tomorrow's World. A special edition from Hong Kong. Including a report on the colony's massive new airport (Ceetax)

8.00 Only Foois and Horses. Del sees a unique opportunity to raise his social standing (r) (Ceetax) (3562)

8.30 Big Break, Jim Davidson hosts the snooker gameshow in which professional players, Stephen Hendry, Mario Guedens and Terry Griffiths pot on behalf of contestants, with cash and prizes at stake (Ceefax) (s) (9369)

9,00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3307)

9.30 999. This week, the mysterious tale of a diver who went missing in a Scottish loch, and a race against time to save a man trapped by a collapsed chimney (Ceefax)

10.25 FiLM: The Dream Team (1989) with Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd and Lorraine Bracco. Four patients of a mental hospital find themselves on the loose in New York, when the doctor accompanying them to a baseball match s captured by a pair of crooked cops. The group take to the streets in a series of misacventures, instigated by misguided attempts to see justice done Directed by Howard Zieff (Ceefax)

12.10am FILM: Brewster's Millions (1985) staming Richard Pryor and John Candy. A bedraggled basebali player can't beli his tuck when he inherits \$300 million However, he will lose everything unless he can spend \$30 million in 30 days. Directed by Walter Hill (Ceefax) (581895) 1.45 Weather (3041079)

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6.00am Open University: Biology (7040920) 6.25 Pilgrimage (7036727) 6.50 San Marco (5052920) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4457388)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (15901) 8.00 The

Really Wild Show (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7108494) 8.25 The Little Polar Bear (r) (2769272) **8.30 William's Wish Welling**-8.40 The Record (s) (8677369) 9.05 Job Bank (9786765) 9.15 Teaching Today (s) (401104) 9.45 Watch (s) (5529017) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (2023123) 10.25 Landmarks Extra

(2134272) 10.45 Cosmo and Dibs in Punjabi (s) (2216272) 11.00 Look and Read (s) (3612494) 11.20 Shakespeare Shorts (s) (9280630) 11.40 RE Collection (s) (7715980)

12.00 English File: Death of a Salesman (Ceeiax) (s) (92475) 12.30pm Working Lunch (20746)

1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (Ceefax) (s) (35765) 1.30 Showcase (s) (62619678) 1.45 Words and Pictures (s) (62607833) 2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (41321543) 2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (41320814) 2.10 Open View (41345123)

2.15 International Golf (94748366) 6.00 Shooting Stars (r) (Ceefax) (s) (659) 6.30 The Champions (Ceetax) (388562) 7.20 Watch Out. wildlife news (s) (374120)



Kenneth Baker and friend (7,30pm)

7.30 We Are (Not) Amused (Ceeiax) (123) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Amanda Camp-

bell discovers the qualities required to take part in the endurance karting British Championship (Ceefax) (s) (1104) 8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton offers advice to gardeners with soggy lawns (Ceefax) (s) (4681)

9.00 Murder Most (Ceetax) (s) (1949)

9.30 The High Life. Farcical comedy about airline cabin crew (r) (Ceefar) (s) (95122) 10.00 Have I Got News for You. With Angus Deayton, Ian Histop, Max Clifford, Eddie Izzard and Fred MacAulay (Ceefax) (s)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (610104) 11.15 Pilot Paradise. The first in a short season devoted to pilot programmes which went on to become classic comedy series. Tonight, we return to the marital home of *Terry and June* in 1974 (s) (573920) **WALES:** 11.15 Welsh Lobby 11.45 Pilot Paradise 12.15 This

Life 12.55 Weather 1.00 FILM: Mad Love 11.45 This Life. (9/11) (r) (Ceefex) (s) (558185) 12.30am FILM: Mad Love (1935, b/w) Horror with Peter Lorre, Colin Clive and Frances Drake Directed by Karl Freund. (2983031) Ends at 1.40 (3507895)

CHOICE

Death of a Salesman BBC2, midday

David Thacker's impressively-cast production, which concludes today, tribute to the resources which the BBC is willing to devote to drama for schools. Now, having given schoolchildren the first pick, it must make the project available to a wider audience. Dramatic offerings far worse have been screened on BBC2 at peak hours. Perhaps Arthur Miller's play, an ironic tilt at the American dream, tends to wear its message on its sleeve but there is no doubling its power, nor that Thacker, Warren Mitchell as the doomed Brooklyn salesman, and the other actors have done it justice. The minimal set may have been dictated by the budget. But the stark lighting is wholly appropriate to the theme, emphasising the claustrophobic emphasising the claustrophobic relationships of a family at the end of its

We Are (Not) Amused BBC2, 7.30pm

Kenneth Baker, the former Cabinet minister and cartoon buff, looks at how cartoonists over the centuries have dealt with royalty. It is a companion series to Baker's treatise on the cartooning of prime ministers and tells a similar tale. The 18th and early 19th centuries were a golden age, when the savagery of the pen had few inhibitions. Monarchs were relentlessly attacked both for their public policies and private indiscretions. The rudeness level makes recent criticism of the royals seem tame. But it has to be said that the behaviour of the gross and adulterous Prince Regent, in particular, gave cartoonists rich material. Baker is a knowledgeable guide, ever alive to the ability of cartoons to reflect popular attitudes of the day.

Murder Most Horrid: A Life Or Death Operation BBC2, 9.00pm

Kate Marshall (immediately recognisable, through voice and shape, as Dawn French) is a casualty surgeon. Ten years ago her incompetence led to the death of a patient. Now, inexplicably but essential for the plot, the man's widow (Brigit Forsyth) turns up to confront Dr. Kate and threaten a new inquiry. The resourceful medic's reaction is to jump into her four-wheel-drive and mow the wretched woman down. And this is a comedy, for heaven's sake? Well, just about though of a very dark hue. The running hoke, if you can call it that, is about a corpse that inconveniently reluses to die. writers. Mark Burton and John O'Farrell. not only keep it going but supply a nicely ironic punchline. They also, biting the hand that is feeding them, take a tilt at television shows which turn medicine into showhusiness.

Life After Birth Channel 4, 9.30pm

Single mothers living in council flats have been the stuff of gritty documentaries and right-wing condemnation but less often material for sit-coms. The gap has now been filled, with a perceptiveness drawing on personal experience, by Teresa Poland and her co-writer. Simon Block, Alison, played by a promising young actress. Emma Cunnifie, gets pregnant at 20 without meaning to and brings up the baby with her flatmate. Judith (Paula Bacon). Judith's control beautiful to the property that sexual behaviour is just as casual, except that she does not get caught. Upholders of traditional morality may be appalled, so might those offended by forthright language. But given that plenty of Alisons exist in 1990s Britain, they are a legitimate subject for comedy and the show cannot be accused of romanticising them.

6.00am GMTV (9816302)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7443611) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2000272) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6350949)

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10.35 This Morning (50777543) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1774814) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4436307) 12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4411098) 1.25 Ltz Earle's Lifestyle (s) (1737949)

2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (19695475) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (s) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7729746) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7728017)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (s) (7885299) 3.45 The Trescle People (s) (1165369) 3.55 Bimble's Bucket (Teletext) (s) (7663140) 4.25 The Geeks (Teletext) (s) (5796185) 4.50 Hang On (s) (9136814) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9694659) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (508340)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (410659) 6.50 Let's Go (Teletext) (823494)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Pisy Your Cards Right. Couples test their knowledge of public opinion. (Teletext) (s) (9982) 7.30 Coronation Street. Tricia is stringing out her work for Mike (Teletext) (949)



Stephen Beckett as Jarvis (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. Jarvis (Stephen Beckett) is taking the advanced driving test, but can he handle life in the fast tane? (Teletext

8 30 Expert Witness. Crime reconstructions liberation activist and a clue is found in a bag of sugar (Teletext) (s) (7765) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Major Radley's wife meets a face from her past (r) (Teletext)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (80630)

10.30 HTV West Headlines (619562)

10.40 FiLM: Mystery Date (1991). Black comedy starring Ethan Hawke, Teri Polo and Brian McNamara. Romance etudes a shy young man until his brother allows him to borrow his identity for an evening complete with a beautiful date. Instead of a dream date the evening turns into a game of cat-and-mouse with both the police and cpooks hot on their heels. Directed by Jonathan Wacks (21646776)

12.35 Hotel Babylon (s) (6657586) 1.15 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) (4327654 2,20 FILM: The Ann Jillian Story (1987) Ann Jillian plays herself in this biopic about the singer/actress who discovered she Directed by Corey Allen (649925)

4.05 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (9753550) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (86050) 5.30 Morning News (71031)

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10.45 Film: Erik the Viking (16791825)

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12.55 Home and Away (4411098) 1.25 Cross Wits (31177901) 1.55 A Country Practice (69122272) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (8836889) 5.10 Shortland Street (9694659) 6.25-7.00 Central News (591949)

10.40 Film: Deadly Pursuit (1988). A thriller starring Sidney Poitier, directed by Roge Spottiswoode (73794611)

12,45am Hotel Babylon (6646470) 1.25 The Good Sex Guide...Late 2.25 Cue the Music (9967215) 3.25 Dear Nick (2041128)

4.15 Jobfinder (6785760) 5.20 Asian Eye (3911760)

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1.55 FILM: A Stolen Life (1946, b/w) produced by and starring Bette Davis, in the dual role of twin sisters, one good and the other less so, who both fall in love with Glenn Ford, Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (Teletext) (82314017)

4.00 Secrets of the Moor (1/6) (Teletext) (678) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (562) 5.00 Rescue (r) (Teletext) (s) (7388) 5.30 An Inspector Calls (r) eletext) (s) (814)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (Teletext) (s) (324388) 6.25 Happy Days (r) (Teletext) (401901) 6.50 Terrytoons (821036) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (619104)

7.55 Get Netted. Cancer sufferer Marie established the Are You Aware? breast support for all cancer sufferers (952765) 8.00 Garden Party. Tom Barber and his team visit a spectacular garden in Cac Hir, Lampeter, Dyled.(Teletext) (6272)

8.30 Brookside. Lindsey strikes a deal with Gary (Teletext) (s) (5307)

9.00 Cybill. Cybill goes on a date with her acting coach Trevor (6017)



Emma Cunniffe and baby (9.30pm)

9.30 Life After Birth: The Butter-fly Effect (Teletext) (s) (35678)

10.00 Roseanne. Dariene drops a bombshell (Teletext) (s) (88272) 10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (s) (614920)

11.10 Eurotrash, Last of the series (884164) 11.45 Flava. Videos by popular black musicmakers of today (s) (6/8) (574659) 12.15am FILM: The Five Heartbeats (1991) Charting the rise and fall of a

Harlem vocal quintet. Directed by and starring Robert Townsend (59252037) 2.30 FILM: The Mad Magician (1954) illusionist who goes on a gristy orgy of revenge and murder when he loses his latest inventions to a crooked employer and his wife to a rival magician. With Mary Murphy, Eva Gabor and John Emery Directed by John Brahm (9291073). Ends

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SKY SPORTS 2

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought to the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kids TV 4.30 TBA 5.00 Voice of Victor with Kenneth and Giona Copeland 5.30 Christian Music 5.45 TBA 6.15 The, is Your Day with Bentry Hint 6.45-7.00 Good SKY SOAP

SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Globetrotter (6587456) 11.30 enca's Great Outdoors (4780630) 12.30pm Royd on Oz (3260-55) 1.00 Gelaway (9713974) 1.30 Great Escapes (3269727) 2.00 Florida (4195833) 2.30 Crusing the Globe (9560307) 3.00 Globe-motter (4174340) 3.30 Around the World in 30 Minutes (7828524) 3.55 4.00 Holiday Shop (99177678)

7.00asa Guiding Light (8281291) 7.55 As the World Turns (2386524) 8.50 Peyton Place (7503675) 9.20 Days of Our Lives

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Martin Sheen in the drama Roswell (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Weapons at War (6501036) 5.00 Mysteries of the Bible (4198920) 6.00-7.00 THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (9015215) 2.00 FiLM The Creature from the

Black Lagoon (2110654) 3.30-4.00 Ray

Bradbury Theatre (4458760) TLC 9.00am Simply Painting (1553291) 9.30 Gardeners' Dery (7585814) 10.00 Dogs with Dumbar (5472727) 10.30 Cust House (15339475) 11.00 Homemaker (6021456) 11.30 Craftwise (6022185) 12.00 Julia Child (1540727) 12.30pm The Frugal Gournet (7589630) 1.00 Yan Can Cool (7320123)

UK GOLD 7.00am Rentaghost (7390982) 7.30 Neighbours (7319011) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (1549098) 8.30 EastEnders (1548369) 9.00 The Bit (1582949) 9.30 The Sullivans

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(2188307) 12.15am FILM: Falsely Accused

(3508031) 1.55-3.00 Shopping (93393012)

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DISCOVERY

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FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avoniea (5272) 6.00 Batman (3494) 6.30 Calchphrase (4746) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (6901) 7.30 The Byrds of Paradise (56340) 8.30 Duty Frise (1456) 8.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Shelle Hands Forever (23678) 10.00 Round the World Treasure Hurt (96765) 11.00 Neon Rider (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (79272) 12.00 The Byrds of Paradise (7928) 130 AB (97514) 1.00em Balmen (50298) 1.30 All Together Now (84532) 2.00 Blg Broths Jake (21055) 2.30 Neon Ricks (56302) 3.30 All Together Now (71532) 4.00-8.00 Road to Avoniea (89789)

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CARTOON NETWORK/INT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 70m. then TNT films as below. 7.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (32474123) 8.00 Captain Sinbad (1963) (32461659) 10.00 Themes A West Fest Sesson (50480630) 10.00 The Last Challeng (1967) (95632123) 11.55 The Fort (1980) (97187678) 1,55am-5.00 Battle ground (1948) (64535925)

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Faldo forced to play his ace

By John Hopkins Golf Correspondent

FEW golfers have the opportunity to have a lesson from Nick Faldo: Padraig Harrington has had two in five years. The second one came yesterday, in the Benson and Hedges International Open at The Oxfordshire, when, as one of Faldo's playing partners. Harrington was witness to a gritty 70 from the Masters champion. This round, two under par, included several demonstrations of why Faldo has won six major championship titles, as well as that rarity, a hole in one.

It was on the eve of the 1991 Walker Cup that Harrington, then a young and promising amateur, visited Faldo at Welwyn Garden City Goli Club, What he learnt then was theoretical. What Harrington, now a professional and the winner of the Spanish Open last week, learnt from Faldo yesterday, on a bitterly cold day when a northeasterly wind cut golfers to the quick, was practical - namely how to score well while not striking the ball perfectly and how to cope with conditions that were so difficult that one hole, the 17th, had every

FIRST HOUND

EARLY SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated):
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Faldo is two strokes behind Miguel Angel Jiménez, the tournament leader, and one behind Peter Baker, Bernhard Langer, Howard Clark and Jean Van de Velde. Jiménez's 68 was one of the rounds of the year. The Spaniard with the doleful face, who has had two 63s this year, was up at 5.45 to be ready for his 7.30 starting time and, to protect himself against the cold, he wore four layers of clothing. He looked less silly than Faldo, who wore one of those odd-looking woollen hats with a bobble on the top. If it were silver and on a teatime tray, you would lift the top and expect to find some hot crumpets

Nothing is quite as you would expect about Faldo and so the revelation that his seventh hole in one, at the 13th, was achieved with a seven-iron and that his previous six were all with six-irons was only to be expected. It was struck well, took two bounces and then disappeared quickly underground



Faido plays his tee shot at the 2nd hole in the first round of the Benson and Hedges International Open at The Oxfordshire yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Equally, it is appropriate that just when everyone was saying how cold and bleak it was, it should be Faldo who revealed that he had played at this same course in June two years ago and been so cold that he and John Simpson, his manager, had walked in. "We put on layer after layer and gave up after li holes," Paldo said. "If you play for fun you don't want to stay out

into one of the warmest places in there. Today was a survival day and six-foot put that gave him a score on this hole that was seven this windswept part of the Oxford—and tomorrow it's probably going par look easy. While Harrington strokes better than that of Grant to get worse. I hear rain is

> There were several moments when Faldo's golf slipped from its usual high standards but there were as many when he reminded those who were brave enough to watch him precisely why he is so good. On the 5th, for example, he the edge of a bunker with his feet above the ball. He made the chip

was playing steadily and safely and hitting more greens in regulation than his disti was Faldo who birdied the 9th with a seven-iron second shot that ended four feet from its target and birdied the 17th and 18th as well. The 17th, which had taken so many hostages in the course of the day, met its had to play from a grassy bank on match in Faldo, who hit a two-iron second shot close enough to chip to two feet and get away with a

Harrington's stance, swing and tional. Before he commences his backswing there is a distinct sideways movement of his head to the right. Then there is a pause at the top of the backswing. He putts with his left hand below his right and the toe of his putter raised well up

off the ground. "He's OK," Faldo said of Har-

rington, very much the sorcerer's apprentice, who had a 75, thanks, largely, to dropping two strokes on both the 10th and the 15th. "He Faldo added. "He is off to a good

In time, Harrington will learn how to manufacture a decent score when aspects of his game are not functioning at their best. That is what Faldo did yesterday and that is why he finished five strokes ahead of the young Irishman.

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Resurgent McLaren pour on the power

FROM OLIVER HOLT

THE Monagasques are not famed for their sentimentality but they might have allowed themselves a wry smile after yesterday's opening practice sessions for the Monaco Grand Prix here on Sunday. Michael Schumacher, who has just deserted the principality for a new home in Geneva, was languishing in eleventh place in the list of times, while Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard, still proud residents. were first and third respectively.

The times in the first two sessions

are notoriously unreliable indicators of performance in the race because some teams try to set fast. times, others settle for preparing their cars for the race. But the performances of Hakkinen and Coulthard are still indicative of a resurgence at McLaren. So low had their fortunes sunk, in fact, it could almost be said to be a resurrection. After a parlous opening to the

season, Coulthard recovered to such an extent that he led the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola a fortnight ago for more than 20 laps. This race marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the team and once again, "victory" is seeping back into their vocabulary. "It was a very encouraging first

day," Coulthard said. "It is encouraging to be where we would expect to be in the development of the car. Saturday is when it really matters but this gives us the confidence to do good research for that day." Today is a rest day before the

drivers battle for pole position in tomorrow's sole qualifying session. The race should still be dominated by Damon Hill, in his Williams-Renault, who was second yester day, and Schumacher. Hakkinen is a good outside bet.

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Venables takes rearguard action

ASTON VILLA, whose defence was one of the meanest in the FA Carling Premiership last season, could provide the England backbone for the European football championship next month. Ugo Ehiogu. the strong and impressive centre-back, was yesterday called up for the England tour of the Far East, joining Gareth Southgate, his club colleague, in the 27-man squad and virtually ending the hopes of Gary Pallister and Steve Howey of appearing in the tournament. Both were left out yesterday because of doubts about their fitness.

Pallister helped to guide Manchester United to the double at Wembley last Saturday, but is restricted to playing once a week by a persistent back injury, which is of little use in the concentrated schedule of Euro 96. Howey, whose solidity and intelligence were sorely missed by Newcastle United in the final weeks of

By DAVID MADDOCK

ALEX FERGUSON, the Manchester

United manager, has been offered a new

contract with the club for the next four

years that will earn him £1 million a year

if his team remains successful. The offer

came yesterday afternoon as his repre-

sentative met with the board of Manchester United plc to discuss terms.

In the wake of United's unprecedented

second double, the two sides were

submerged in negotiations for more than

eight hours as they attempted to secure

Ferguson's future at the club. Ferguson

had expressed a desire for a six-year deal

that would take him up to his 60th

birthday, but Professor Sir Roland

Smith, chairman of the company, who is

conducting the negotiations, was reluc-

tant to meet such demands. He outlined a at Old Trafford.

the title chase, has still not fully recovered from his harnstring injury. He is away in Cyprus with Newcastle and is in constant touch with Terry Venables, the England coach. on the telephone, but his chances of making the final squad are fading by the day.

Clearly, Venables is anxious

that his defence is looking a little threadbare, which makes the presence of Adams - out of competitive action since January — increasingly critical. Venables now has to decide whether to risk the Arsenal defender against Hungary tomorrow, on the grounds that he needs as much match practice as he can get before the opening game against Switzerland on June 8, or to rest him for a further week for fear of testing his injured knee too soon. Adams has been impressive in train-

ing this week and the odds are on an immediate return. Venables, in contrast to other national managers, will leave it to the last minute to

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prune his squad from 27 to the final 22. "I don't want to be searching for players because I've had some injuries," he

One of those for whom an outing at the Workers Stadium in Beijing next Thursday could prove a last advertise for inclusion is Nick Barmby, who might reflect during visits to the Great Wali

United lure Ferguson with £4m deal

plan whereby Ferguson would double his present salary of £500,000 a year, and

offered an extra year on top of the three-

year contract initally proposed.

Ferguson's salary includes large bo-

nuses for making United one of the most

successful clubs ever in English soccer.

He believes that he is chiefly responsible

for the rise of the club in recent years, and

is asking for that to be reflected in the size

of a salary which already makes him

Britain's highest-paid manager. Profes-

sor Smith, though, has set the £1 million

mark as his ceiling, and appears intent

company and chairman of the football

club, has taken a back seat during

negotiations but stressed yesterday that

the board was anxious to keep Ferguson

Martin Edwards, chief executive of the

on sticking to a lour-year contract.

however sedate the pace of life in the East, an international career in the West moves with

bewildering speed. Last autumn, Barmby was being acclaimed for a highly polished full international debut against Colombia and his club, Middlesbrough, was proving the surprise package of the season. Come the spring and Barmby's confidence had dropped as swiftly as Middlesbrough's League placing and his international position had been snapped up by Teddy Sheringham.

Venables is expecting the match against China to be as tough as any England might have in the tournament itself, although he conceded the encounter with Hong Kong, three days later, would be more gentle. "It's very impor-tant that we learn about these parts of the world," he said. "Korea, Japan, China; these are going to be the next powers accuse him of myopia.

Blackburn Rovers have denied sugges-tions that Alan Shearer, their England centre forward, is negotiating a £10 million transfer to United. Robert Coar,

the Blackburn chairman, said last night

"It is frivolous fiction and the reports are

Shearer, however, has an agreement in

his contract with Blackburn that he will

be allowed to consider offers from

interested clubs if they are prepared to

pay an acceptable transfer fee. Yesterday.

Ferguson would only comment "Noth-

ing will happen until after the European

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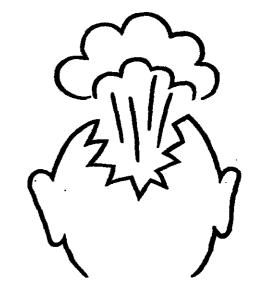
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